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New Society Formed

The idea of forming a genealogical society in Steuben County was conceived by the Indiana Genealogical Society. Mary Jane Kaiser Northeast District Director, first contacted The Angola Carnegie Library in the fall of 1994 inquiring whether there might be an interest in such an organization.

The Library responded by letter to Mrs. Kaiser in November of 1994 indicating that there definitely is an interest in the community regarding the history and ancestors of Steuben County. Mention was made of the successful "Genealogy in June" presentations given in 1994 which were well attended at the library.

It was also mentioned that Al Bryant, the library's director, expressed a strong desire to have the library play a role in starting a society locally. Mr. Bryant volunteered to make the necessary arrangements for a meeting room and provide publicity.

Approximately 30 people attended the organizational meeting February 4, 1995, and within the first few moments of Mrs. Kaiser's presentation, it was clear that those in attendance were serious about developing a genealogical society. Mrs. Kaiser came well prepared with informative handouts explaining the Society's proposed by-laws and ideas for future projects. Within two hours the Society's name was determined, the membership dues were set, a partial slate of officers were nominated, and the Society was really beginning to take shape.

The Editor and Publicity Chairmen spread the news by publication in local and surrounding newspapers and placement of posters and membership forms were set at various locations. The library is now receiving completed membership registration forms daily and the Society is growing.

The following are the elected officers for the Society's 1995-96 Charter Year:

Executive Board

President	Roger L. Lash
Vice-president	Mary Pinney
Secretary	Kay Lash
Treasurer	Bonnie Nagel
Dir. of Publications	Rip Ridenour

Standing Board

Promotion Chair.	Pat Harrington
Refreshment Chair.	Linda Boyer
Historian	Shirley Friel
Membership Chair.	Hope Wilson
Program Chair.	Peg Dilbone

We hope that the Steuben County Genealogical Society will enjoy a long and prosperous life fulfilling its purpose of promoting genealogical and historical research, preservation of records, and education through its efforts and accomplishments.

By: Shirley Friel

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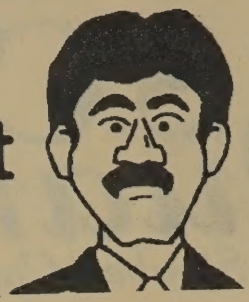
From the President



Dear Fellow Genealogists,

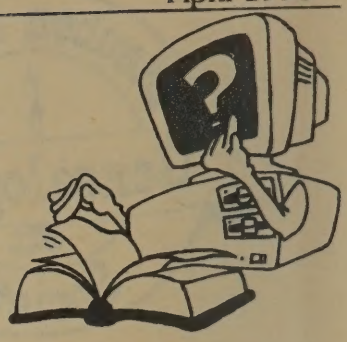
Hello to you in this our inaugural issue. The Steuben County Genealogy Society was formed to benefit genealogists in Steuben County. Since our formation we have gained in membership both from inside and outside the county. We are fortunate to have in our membership beginning, intermediate and advanced researchers. Our membership has research interests both inside and outside of Steuben County.

Our goal is basically an educational one. We have some wonderful speakers lined up for future monthly meetings. We also hope to utilize some of the expertise within our own group to improve the quality of research. We also wish to start some special projects to increase the accessibility of Steuben County records and research.

Thank you for joining our organization. With your help our goals will be met much more easily.

Happy Hunting Roger L. Lash

From the Editor



Welcome to the first edition of the SCGS Quarterly! I hope the many hours I have spent on this publication will be worth it to you, the reader. The next one should go easier provided I receive the kind of contributions I have received on this issue. Many thanks go to those contributors, especially those whose contributions were on "floppy disks". The most blessed words on a computer screen for an editor are "File being converted..." This means I don't have to type in every word--just do the layout. Finally, to those who have something to contribute, "BRING IT ON!" My experience is in printing, not in genealogical stuff--you are the experts here. You bring it to me and I'll try to make it usable to other researchers everywhere. If you have any suggestions or contributions please contact me through the society or call me at 219-665-3026.

Ripley Hickman

Coming Events

April 17, 1995	**7:00 PM**	Al Bryant--Tombstone Art & Symbolism
May 15, 1995	**7:00 PM**	Curt B. Witcher--Using military records for Gen. research
June 17, 1995	**8:00 AM**	Tour of Allen County Public Library
July 17, 1995	**7:00 PM**	TBA
August 21, 1995	**7:00 PM**	**at Powers Church** John Beatty--Church Records
September 18, 1995	**7:00 PM**	TBA
October 14, 1995	**7:00 PM**	TBA
November 20, 1995	**7:00 PM**	Mark Weldon-Old Photos-Classification and Identification
December 18, 1995	**7:00 PM**	TBA

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At your
Angola Carnegie Public Library

Copies of 1885, 1920 and 1955 Steuben Co. Histories.
All county census on microfilm.
Cemetery and death records.
An Index to the *Steuben Republican* for births, deaths, and marriages 1860-90.
Issues of the *Steuben Republican* on microfilm.
Other area newspapers on microfilm.
A biographical surname file.
Family history folders.
Published family and town histories.
Local history subject file.
Various out of county, out of state, and international genealogical publications.

Kay Lash

New at
Angola Carnegie Public Library

The Library has 8 new audiocassette recordings published by the Indiana Genealogical Society:
Libraries and Archives, Robert W. Barnes
The Quakers, Kenneth Carroll
Migrations, John I. Coddington
Research on the Eastern Shore, F. Edward Wright
Convicts and Indentured Servants, Mary K. Meyer
Virginia Court Records, John F. Dorman
Maryland Court Records, Robert W. Barnes
Swedes, Finns and Dutch on the Delaware, Peter S. Craig

Kay Lash

From the
Steuben County Historical Society

The Historical Society has a supply of the *Steuben County Cemetary Books* available for sale. These two volumes were compiled by Steuben County's Audrey Lewis and contain burial records from the beginning to 1985. Please contact:

Steuben County Historical Society
P. O. Box 474
Angola IN 46703

Volumes I, II	$100
Tax	5
Book Rate	6
Total	**$111**

Queries

This being our first issue, we don't have any **"Queries"** to list. A query is a plea for help from fellow genealogists. Usually a person has hit a snag, or a brick wall, and needs your help. If you are one of those researchers, then submit your query to Query Editor in care of the Society. Currently this column is open to members and non-members at no charge. We will edit your query to conserve space and will print it in one issue as space permits.

This brings us to the next point--the Query Editor. We need one. If you are good at boiling things down to the their very essence, then contact the editor ASAP. We do have some guidelines to help you.

Old Settlers Organize

The following is from ***HISTORY OF STEUBEN COUNTY 1885:***

Pioneer Reunion

In nearly every community in our now populous Northwest the old settlers have formed associations for the purpose of holding annual meeting and renewing memories of the past. The Steuben County pioneers were not so prompt in taking this step as those of surrounding counties. In the summer of 1873 a call was published in the Republican, as follows:

"The old settlers of Steuben County are fast passing away and their children, many of them, like their fathers, pioneers in Territories. A few years more and every one of the early settlers and their children will have "passed beyond the flood," and no record of their early history will be known to those who will reap the benefits and enjoy the luxuries and blessings of our country, made fruitful and wealthy by the industry, energy and self sacrificing privations of the first settlers. Let there be a meeting of all the old settlers and their children to compare notes, revive old reminiscences and appoint some competent person to write up the incidents, anecdotes, and land marks of early days that their children may know, while they are enjoying the blessings of life, what it cost to produce them. The following are among the early pioneers, and there are doubtless many more with whom we are not acquainted, and we ask them, as many as can, to meet us at the court-house at Angola on Saturday, Aug. 9, 1873, at one o'clock p.m., that we may perfect an organization and take the initiatory steps for an 'old settlers' Jubilee.' Let everyone that can attend and inform all within their neighborhood of the time and place of meeting." Here followed a list of about eighty pioneers.

Old Settlers' Jubilee

At that called meeting the following township committees were appointed to awaken interest in their respective localities, and to prepare historical reports with a view to a "jubilee" on the 25th of September following:

Millgrove, Nelson Newton, George Harding, and Orlando Wilder; Jamestown, Clayton Mallory, Cephas McCuller and John McClue; Fremont, Jeremiah Tillotson, Theron Storrs and Willard L. Scott; Clear Lake, George Hotchkiss, David Harris and D. B. Teeters: York, Calvin Powers, David Hanselman, and H. Q. Hathaway: Cott, Augustus Woodworth, Jas. A Segur and Nelson Hutchins: Pleasant, George W. Baldwin, Able Sowie and Lewis Stanley; Jackson, Zephaniah Stayner, Amasa Sams and Porter Gleason: Salem, Eli M. Teal, Elbridge Wright and H. P. Butler, Steuben, Samuel Carter, Jacob Abby and Capt. S. B. George; Otsego, Henry R Williams, A. J. Corbin and Ed C. Johnson; Richland, M. B. Gordon, S. W. Scoville, and John Cameron. The jubilee was held at the appointed time, and was a complete success. The day was favorable and the attendance large. Among those present were John Slick and wife, of Salem Township. The former was a soldier under Bonapart, and country at an early day. Mrs. Slick never heard a brass band play until this reunion. Speeches were made by several persons and some historical reports were read, but no set programme was followed, everything being spontaneous.

THE STEUBEN REPUBLICAN

Wednesday August 21, 1889

Old Settlers' Meeting

Thursday Aug. 15, was the day appointed for the annual meeting of the old settlers of Steuben county. The weather for a number of days preceding had been quite unpleasant, but Thursday morning dawned very bright, and the day was all that could be desired, there being no dust, and the air just warm enough and just cool enough to be delightful. The pleasant grove west and a little south of Dr. McConnell house had been very comfortably seated, and there a large crowd of people gathered to commemorate the day set apart to honor the memory and achievements of the heroic men and women, who, amid surroundings and hardships little dreamed of by the youth of today, carved out for themselves and successors, homes in the wilderness.

At 11:30 the procession, led from the public square by the band, arrived in the grove, where a goodly number had already assembled. Calling to order, the President of the day Jacob Stealy, announced "Coronation," which was sung by the audience. Rev. Joseph Porter then led in a fervent and most appropriate prayer. This was followed by music from the band. A. W. Hendry had been chosen to give the address of welcome. In doing this he took occasion to say that those who cleared up this country and made it a fit place to live, had characteristics peculiar to themselves. One of these was unbending honesty. There word was as good as a bond. As a rule every man could be depended on. Honesty and fairness, first, middle and last, characterized farmers mechanics, professional men, all classes, indeed, with only a few exceptions. Mr. Hendry related two or three incidents of the early days, illustrative of his main thought.

After another fine piece, finely rendered by Angola's really fine band, Secretary Frank Macartney read the necrology of the year. The list of old settlers, who, during the last year have passed over to join the great silent majority, is as follows:

The list that was included here is covered in detail at the end of this article

The well-filled baskets were than brought forth, and the people proceeded earnestly to discuss this feature of the day's exercise. On calling to order in the afternoon, officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: For President, Myron Powers; vice president, Frank Macartney; secretary and treasure, O. F. Rakestraw. Called on, Prof. Fred Thomas rendered the piece entitled "My Mother's Beautiful Hands". Addresses were then given by L. H. Stocker, and T. G. Elliot, H. P. Hathaway, Jacob Stealy and his sister, Mrs. Adams, then led in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," in which many in the audience joined. A. Ellison, of LaGrange, then made an address which he began by saying that 'the old settlers have not been surpassed in whatever pertains to good order and all those things that go to make good men and women." He then proceeded to trace a certain likeness in the early settlers of this region to those on the Atlantic coast, particularly the "Pilgrim Fathers". The pilgrims were right, said the speaker (in substance), in giving so much attention to personal character and conduct. If single individuals are right in both of these then when they are combined into families, communities, States and the Nation, right and integrity permeate the whole body politic His remarks, were well received. George Harding, of Orland Cyrus Filmore, of LaGrange county brother of ex President Millard Fillmore, Eli M. Teal and Dr. D. B. Griffin followed with recollections and reminiscences of the olden times Altogether the occasion was a very pleasant one.

"Let there be a meeting of all the old settlers and their children..."

DEATHS ANNOUNCED AT OLD SETTLERS MEETING 1889

The following has been comprised from these sources
THE STEUBEN REPUBLICAN, Wed.Oct. 21, 1889
HISTORY OF STEUBEN COUNTY, 1885
STEUBEN COUNTY CEMETERY BOOKS
Volumes I and II
Obituaries From *THE STEUBEN REPUBLICAN*

Extracted by Roger L. Lash
Edited by Peg Dilbone

ALDRICH Hamilton M.
b. 16 Dec 1823 Cortland, Co N.Y.
Settled Richland, twp, Jan 1837
d. 21 July 1889 Orland Steuben Co. In.
Obit: *Repulican* 24 July 1889 p.8
Cem. Bk. p.24 Green Sec C Lt 36 N 1/2
m.1 Harriet Sherwood, Nov21, 1849
chld: Charles Henry Aldrich, 1850-1929
Lynman Sherwood Aldrich, 1852-1893
Jennie A. Aldrich Blass, 1854-1918
m.2 Permilla Curtis (1841-1872) Nov. 28, 1859
chld: Ella Aldrich Bennett, married James Bennett Jan.1, 1887
son, Louis
buried with her father.
m.3 Sally Jeanette fuller Lewis, widow of Hiram Miller Lewis, Oct. 19, 1881.
No Children

BROWN Russell
b. 24 Jan 1805 Berkshire Co. Mass
Settled LaGrange Co In June 1836
Moved to Orland, Steuben Co. In. in 1855
d. 09 Sept 1888
Obit: *Republican* 12 Sept. 1888
"Orland Notes"
Sons: Erastus. Lincoln Ne
Eziekiel, Jamestown,
Warren, Springfield
W.M. Brown Angola
Cem Bk. p. 230 Green Sec.B Lt. 25
Age 83 yrs 7m. 15d
wife Laura Sweet Brown
Son of Elizah & Elizabeth Greenfield Brown

BUELL Hannah P.
b. 26 Dec 1806 Pierpont, New Hamshire,
Came to Steuben Co 1842
d.01 Nov 1888 Richland, Steuben Co. In.
Obit: *Republican* 07 Nov 1888 p. 5
Maiden name Stephens
Married Samuel Buell, Lowell Ma.
Cem Bk. p. 239 Bethel Row C Stone 5

BUTLER Melita
b. 15 Feb 1802 Waterbury, Vt.
Came to Steuben Co 1838
D. 9 April 1889 Salem Center, Steuben Co IN
Widow of Lorin Butler m. 16 July 1827
Sister of Elder Adolphus Town who settled in Jackson twp. 1833
See p 739-740 *History*
Obit: *Republican* 17 April 1889 p.8

DALLY Vincent
b.24 May 1812 Cumberland, Co. Penn
Came to Steuben Co 1864
d. October 25, 1888 (obit Richland twp.)
Obit *Republican* 31 Oct 1888 p. 8
"Alvarado Notes"
Cem Bk. p 458 Alvardo R11 st 2
76 yrs 5m 1d
wife Hanah Mumper

DARRAH Charlotte
b. 30 June 1820 Seneca Co., Ohio
Came to Angola 1841
d. 28 Dec. 1888
Obit: *Republican* 2 Jan 1889 p. 5
Cem Bk. 463 Old Angola Cemetary
R. 13 st 18
Mrs. Henry B. Darrah

EATON Lucien B.
b. 17 Dec. 1808 Merrimac, New Hamshire
Settled in James twp. 3 April 1837
d. 27 Feb 1889
Cem Bk. p. 553 Fremont Sec. Lt.

EBERT Hiram
b. 8 Sept 1816 Fayette Co. Penn.
Settled Jackson twp 1860
d. 8 June 1889
Obit: *Republican* 12 June, 1889 p.8
"Flint Notes"
Cem Bk. p. 553 Flint Sec A Lot 16
72yrs 8m 29d.
wife Maria Jackson

GEORGE Maria Mrs.
b. 21 August 1821 Marion Co. Ohio
Came to Steuben Co in Oct. 1836
d. 21 Aug 1888 Columbus, Kansas
Cem Bk. p. 707 Plesant

Lake Sec Lot
Age 67yrs
Wife S.B. George
Dau. of James & Sally Gaylord Perfect

GILMORE (GILLMORE) James
b. 26 Jan 1828 Monroe Co. N.Y.
or 1823
Settled Ostego, twp. 1839
d. 23 May 1889
Obit: *Republican* 29 May 1889 p.8
Cem Bk. p. 730 Ostego Ctr R 3 st 4
m. 1 Ann Vaughn Feb. 22, 1850
m. 2 Mary J. Struble July 10, 1864

HAMMON Frances
Came to Steuben Co. 1840
d. 27 Aug 1888 Salem, Steuben Co IN
Age 77
See p. 748 *History 1889*
b. 1810 Fairfield Co. Ohio
Maiden name (Teal) Kaufman
Obit: *Republican* 5 Sep 1888
"Salem Notes"
Cem Bk. p. 810 Hamilton Sec E Lot 196
Frances Teal wife of E.T. Hammon
m. 1 _____ Kaufman
m. 2 E. T. Hammon

HANSELMAN Jane
b.
Settled with father's family in Richland
1842
d. 6 Apr 1889
Age 59
Obit: *Republican* 10 April 1889 p. 5
Age 58 yr 11m 29d
Mrs. George Hanselman

HENDRY James
b.
Resident of Millgrove twp 1842
d. Jan 1889 Allen Co. In.

HIX Royal B.
b. Jan 1813 Romulus, Seneca, Co. N.Y.
Came to Steuben Co May 1836
d. 12 Oct 1888
See pp 613-14 *History* 1889
b. 9 Jan 1813
Obit: *Republican* 17 Oct 1888 p. 5
Cem Bk. p.897 Green
Son of Ephrieal and Lucy Hix
Wife Martha Braman Hix

KEMERY Anna Maria
b. 10 Sep 1807/1808 Fairfield Co. Ohio
Came to Angola 1854
d. 27 Mar 1889
Obit: *Republican* 27 Mar 1889 p. 5
d. 22 Mar 1889
Age 81yrs 6m 12d
Cem Bk. p. 1026 Circle Hill Sec 10
Daughter of Philemon 1827-1908

KIDDER Alason
b. 1804 Wardsborough Vt.
Settled Millgrove twp 1836
d.9 Sep 1888 Wisconsin
See p. 499 *History*
Obit: *Republican* 12 Sept 1888
"Orland Notes"
Cem Bk. p. 1038 Mem Gr sec Lot
9th child in family of 13
Married Lura Chapin April 1829
10 Children

LACY (LACEY) Nancy
b. 20 April 1807 Washington Co. Md.
Came to Steuben Co 1841
d. 6 Feb 1889
See p 787 *History 1889*
Maiden name McGaughey
Cem Bk. p. 1083 Pleasant Lake Sec Lot
Wife Thomas Lacy

NOYES John W.
b. 14 Jun 1802 Grafton Co, New Ham
shire
Moved to Michigan 1835 then Fremont,
IN, 1846
d. 21 Oct. 1888
See pp. 572-73 *History 1889*
Obit: *Republican* 31 Oct 1888 p.5
Cem Bk. p. 1369 Fremont
John Weley Noyes
Wife Dolly Rowe Noyes
Son of John and Rebecca Russell Noyes

PARSELL Jane
b.
d. 20 April 1889
Obit: *Republican* 24 Apr 1889 p. 8
"Flint Notes"
Mrs. Bige Parsell
Cem Bk. p. 1411 Flint Sec B Lot 54
Wife of Abyal D Parsell (1827-1882)

PERFECT Maria See Maria George

ROBINETT Julia Ann
b. 15 Oct 1819 Beaver Co Penn
Settled Richland twp 1847
d. 9 Sep 1888
Widow of Samuel Robinett
Obit: *Republican* 12 Sept 1888

"Alvarado Notes"
Cem Bk. p. 1541 Bethel Row G st 16
Age 88 yrs 10m 24d
Julia A. McDonald
Wife of Samuel Robinett (1801-1893)

SIMS John
b. 7 Jan 1807 Manchester, England
Purchased land Steuben Co 1841
Resided here 1870 in Angola
d. 24 Sep 1888 Norfolk, Nebraska

SMITH Hezekiah
b. 21 Oct 1801 Hartford Conn
settled in Millgrove twp 1844
d. 7 Apr 1889
See p. 515 *History 1889*
Obit: *Republican* 10 April 1889 p.4
Cem Bk. p. 1688 GreenIn Sec C Lot 17

SMITH Hoyt
Settled Salem twp 1839
d. 16 Dec 1888 Age 80
Obit: *Republican* 19 Dec 1888 bur. Flint
Cem Bk. p 1688 Flint Sec B Lot 10
b. 29 May 1817

SOULE George
b.
Settled Clear Lake twp 1847
d. 3 Aug 1889 Franklin twp. Dekalb Co IN

TOWN Melita See Melita Butler

WOLF William
Came to Steuben Co 1864
d. 18 Dec 1888, Age 82
See p. 805 *History* 1889
b. 6 Aug 1805 Loundon Co Va
m. Catherine Fetterhoff
Obit: *Republican* 19 Dec 1888
Funeral Mt. Zion Church
Cem Bk. 9, 1985 Fremont
Son of Adam ?

WOODWORTH Clark
b. 8 Feb 1836
Settled Scott twp 1843
d. 29 May 1889
Obit: *Republican* 5 Jun 1889 p. 8
Cem Bk. p. 1998 Powers
Wife Julia A Clark Woodworth

Cemeteries

The following is an article from *The New Fremont Eagle*, May 20,1986.

Teeters Cemetery

The Teeters Cemetery is located about 5 1/2 miles east of Fremont on 120. The legend of how the cemetery got started, which has been handed down from generation to generation is that a covered wagon train of pioneers [were] heading west, over the Vistula Road now 120. One of the pioneers died so they buried him on the sandy knoll where the cemetery is now located, it is presumed to be the first grave in the cemetery. Some of the markers date back to 1860's

An association was formed in November 1901 by interested local residents. The present board of directors are: Ronald K. Smith, President Harry Teeters, Lamar Emerick, Don Ireland, Board Members, Wava Oberst, Sec. Treas. All of these board members are direct descendants of the original founders of the association.

The association is very active and interested in the appearance of the cemetery. Many hours of donated labor and materials by many people has made it what it is today. Our latest improvement is a new sign handcrafted with hand chiseled lettering made by John Oberst this spring.

The Neal Stetler family do the mowing and cleaning, who also are direct descendants of some of the early founders.

The graves are opened and taken care of by John Oberst who has completed 25 years of grave opening and care service at this cemetery. He is also a direct descendant of the early founders.

Our community takes great pride in keeping the cemetery well cared for. As a well kept cemetery honors and respects the
founders and builders and also those who fought in the many wars that we might enjoy the many freedoms that we have in our community and country today.

by John Oberst

Bible Records

Ferrier Bible Records written by Morgia Ferrier Bender Now in the Possession of Brice Franklin Bender of Elk Rapids, Michigan and sent to Shirley Phillips Friel February 11, 1982.

Cyrus Barrett - Father of Anna Barrett Ferrier was born in the year of 1797 and departed this life August 14th 1858 Age 61 years
Susanna Barrett (Mother of Anna Barrett) was born June 26th in the year 1797 and departed this life February 27 1858. Age 60 years 6 months and 1 day.
Anna Barrett - daughter of Cyrus and Susanna Barrett was born Jan 1st 1829.

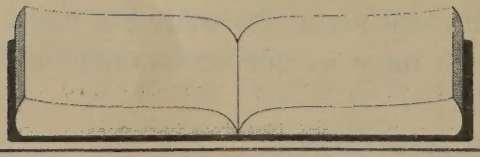
Births

George Ferrier was born June 4th 1825
Anna (Barrett) Ferrier was born Jan 1st 1829

(Children of Anna & George)
Alonzo C. Ferrier was born Sept 13th 1848
John Miron Ferrier was born July 17th 1851
William Scott Ferrier was born Sept 20th 1854
George Warren Ferrier was born October 18th 1856
Martha A. Beach was born September 12th 1853

Grandma Beach Family Record

Thomas R. Beach Born Oct 22 1813
Martha C. (Fales) Beach born Sept 19 1821
married April 3rd 1841



Children

Josiah Harlow Beach born Mch 10th 1843
Reuben J. Beach born Mch 9th 1845
Judith Ann Beach " Aug 2nd 1847
Orange J. Beach " Apr 22nd 1850
Martha Ann Beach " Sept 12th 1853
Ben R. Beach " Mch 7th 1856
Dillie A. Beach " Oct 12th 1858
Mary Emma Beach " June 30th 1862
Eva L. Beach " Feb 12th 1865

Deaths

Josiah Harlow Beach Died at Hamilton, Ind. Age 42 yrs 11 Mo 12 Day
Thomas Ringels Beach Died Oct 19 1864 near Columbia, Ohio Age 53 11 mo 3 days
Orange J. Beach died Nov 5th 1897 near Columbia, Ohio Age 47 yrs 6 mo 12 days
Reuben J. Beach died Jul 26th 1906 at Edon, Ohio Age 61 Yrs 4 mo 17 days
Martha C. Beach Died Mch 30th 1898 near Columbia Age 76 yrs 6 mo 11 day
Eva L. Boss died Oct 10th 1910 at Elkhart, Ind, age 45 yrs 7 mo 28 days
Martha Ann (Beach) Ferrier died June 26, 1930 at Toledo, O., age 76 - 9 mo - 14 days
Dillie A. (Beach) Ricketts, died July 25th 1932 at Edon, Ohio. Age 74 yrs 9 mo 13 days
Ben R. Beach Died Dec 6th 1936 in Anaconda, Montana

Marriages

Judith Ann Beach) Married
Ralph Sutherland) Sept 30 - 1868
Orange Beach) Married
Emeline Bowersack) Dec 1st 1873
Martha Ann Beach) Married
John Myron Ferrier) Aug 31st 1873
Reuben J. Beach)
Alice Webb)(no date listed)
Dillie A. Beach) Married
Thomas (Tom) Ricketts) Dec 17th 1876
Ben R. Beach) Married
Libbie Calvin) May 30th 1880
Mary Emma Beach) Married
Cornelius Vanwye) Jan 23 1881
Eva L. Beach) Married
Jacob Boss) May 10th 1894

Deaths

Alonzo Charles Ferrier Died May 24th 1850
George Warren Ferrier Died March 13th 1859
George W. Ferrier Died Feb 22nd 1864
Anna Ferrier (wife of George W. Died Oct 3rd Yr of 1887 (58 yrs 10 mo 28 days)
William Scott Ferrier Died March 18th year 1890
John Myron Ferrier Died Apr 27th 1916 Age 64 yers 10 mo 21 days
Nellie Ferrier Ryan Died May 30th 1933 at Robinwood Hospital, Toledo Age 49 yrs 12 days
Georgianna Ferrier Died Aug 4th 1884
Dora Ferrier Died Sept 23rd yr 188
Addie (Ferrier) Sawyer died Sep 11th 1903, age 27 yrs 11 mo 27 day
Martha A (Beach) Ferrier died Toledo, O. June 26 1930 age 76 y 9 mo 14 days

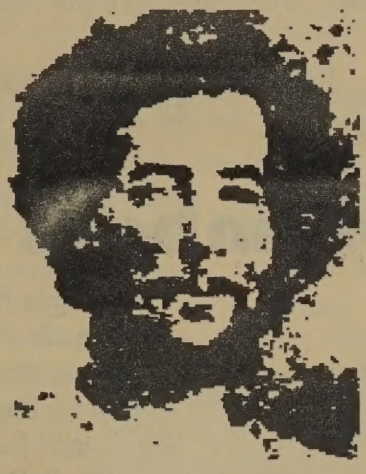
If you have a record of your family lying around or in Granny's Bible, it may help someone in their research if we publish it in our Quarterly. Please contact the editor if you have such a record.

Civil War Letter

Handwritten copy of the following letter was sent to Shirley Phillips Friel by George Goodrich of Vista, California on 3/21/82. George is a descendant of Lula Ferrier Beasecker.

July the 28, 1863
Carter vill Virginia

My Dear Wife



I take a few moments again to write you a few lines so you can hear from me. I am still enjoying good health, the best health I have had for a number of years, Cavalry soldering agrees with me for all it is verry hard and fatiging when we make those long marches, in fact we have got but little rest since we have been in service for when we are in camp we have agrate deal of work to do to attend to our horses and all our equipments. But for all this I have nothing to complain of my government I think sometimes our officers does not treat us as well as they might. We have never got any of our pay yet since we have inlisted in the Servise and Massachusetts has never paid us our bounty yet & I am entitled to twelve dollars per month for my family from Mass. She pays four dollars for a mans Wife and four dollars per month for each one of his children. I have been Marching all over the country so I have never had time to attend to getting it yet; we cant stay long enough in one plase so as can do anything for selves.

I would love to come home & see you all once more; but it is all most imposible to get a furlow at present, but as soone as I can I will come home if I am spared to do so for I think the time verry long to see you & my little boys. I would have been happy to been thair to spend the fourth with you, but on the fourth I was on the Potomac on picket & my fourth of July dinner was crackers & salt meat & coffee.

So you can imagine how I was thinking of home all that day. I should love to be at home to help you eat some of our fruit on the farm but as the cherries & curns is gone I must try and get home for to get some aples. I presume you have some good apples allready. But I have seen no apples in all my traviles in Virginia & Maryland that was fit to eat yet & I have seen no grafted fruit here yet, but we have Blackberries & Huckle Beries in a Bundance; We came back here to Center Vill night before last. We had been on the Scout for Seven or Eight days, apart of our Battalion had remained here, we only got four Rebles this time; one of them a lieutenant cournel. But yesterday one of our companies got twelve more so we are getting a few of them.

When our cavalry came in here they was no other union soldiers in here; but now they is lots of them. Cocrone division is here at this plase about Eight thousand strong.

General Meads Head Qourters is at Warshington about 18 miles from here. Cockerones division is the Left Wing of Meads army. I think the Federal Army is now Meeting With Nothing but as a Rebellion must Soone weaken & be put down & I would love to See it at an end now. But I never want to see any compromise only submission & the laying down of thair arms.

The union army on the Potomac is verry healthy this season so far. We have had no serious sickness in our Battalion yet; my dear Wife I have no news of any importance to write but will write as often as I can I have wrote one to you & William & Ross. With a pencil but I have not heard if you got them or not. When we are on the March we cant cary writing material So I have to write as best I can. Our Headquarters is near or between Washington & Elexandore but when fit for duty will not be thair verry often only as it happens.

If any of the Folks ever come down here they must come & See me; come to our head qourters & their they can find out where we are then come by Railroad or Carage to where we are.

We get our Mail from Washington evry other day so we can get our mail pretty regular. You must write often & So Must all the Boys; & as Soone as Unkle Sam can spare me I will come & see you all.

Yours truly my dear Wife
G.W. Ferrier Anne Ferrier

(According to the Second Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Calvary military records, "George W. Ferrier, Priv., Res. Metz, Ind.; tanner, 38; enl. March 20, 1863; must. April 26, 1863; killed Feb. 22, 1864, Dranesville, Va.")

"I should love to be at home to help you eat some of our fruit on the farm...I think the time verry long to see you & my little boys."

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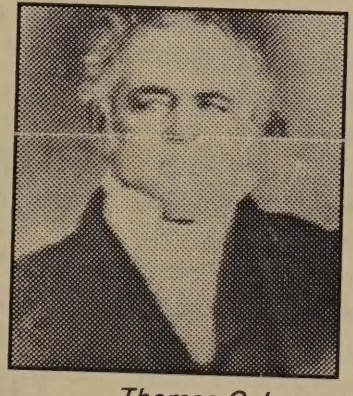
The Life and Times of Thomas Gale

by Roger L. Lash

It was requested that I write an article for the Steuben County Genealogical Society Quarterly on Thomas Gale.

All that I knew about this man was his biographies in the 1885 *Steuben County History* and the 1955 *Steuben County History*. I have tried to flesh out more information about him from a few other sources. Some of the last information comes from a pair of articles written by Orville Stevens in 1942. Mr. Stevens used as his source an article written years earlier by Francis McCartney, a person well known to Steuben County residents of a century ago for his interest in local history.



Thomas Gale

Martha Cary Gale

> He was born in Orange County, New York, January 2, 1794, and while a boy went to Worthington, [Franklin County] Ohio, near Columbus, where he learned the brick-laying and mason trade. Later he acquired considerable means by forwarding cattle and other supplies to the Army of General William Harrison in his campaign against the British and Indians in western Ohio and northern Indiana.[1]

Thomas Gale and his first wife, Sarah Goldsmith, were married in Orange Co., New York on September 20, 1820.[2] To this union three daughters were born in Crawford County, Ohio. The eldest, Elizabeth, was born in 1822.[3] The second daughter was Eugenia, born in 1825.[4] The youngest daughter was Louisa, born October 14, 1826.[5] Sarah Goldsmith Gale died probably in Crawford County, Ohio on February 15, 1830.[6] On November 16, 1830 Thomas Gale married Miss Martha Cary at Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio. Martha Cary Gale was born in Morris County, New Jersey on May 24, 1793.[7]

In the Spring of 1831, the family of Thomas Gale moved to Mongoquinong Prairie, now Mongo, LaGrange County, Indiana. In 1832 they moved to Lima, now Howe, LaGrange County, Indiana.[8] In 1836 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature. During this time he secured Angola as the county seat of Steuben County, which occurred in June of 1837.[9] In the Autumn of 1836 Gale moved his family to Angola.[10] It was also during this time that Gale had built for his family the first frame house in Angola. The home was later expanded, and a business was operated out of the front rooms from 1838 to 1850. This building was on the southwest corner of West Maumee and Elizabeth streets. This building was moved to another site to make way for the Hendry Hotel. ☞

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> In politics, Thomas Gale was in the early days a Henry Clay Whig, but in the year 1840 he actively and ardently espoused the cause of his old Commander, William Henry Harrison, for President against Martin VanBuren. Afterwards, he cast his lot with the Free Soil Party and was a pronounced Abolitionist and always aided in all ways within his power the escape of slaves from the south maintaining a link in the underground railroad.[12]

Thomas Gale did not belong to an organized church, but he did allow the use of his house by various religious organizations. He did, however, reserve the right to discuss with them any or all doctrines held by their group. He did not believe in the taking of any life. Gale went so far as to hire a lawyer from Ft. Wayne to defend a local man charged with murder. He did not believe in capital pun ishment. Neither did he want Angola's fair reputation ruined by a public execution.[13]

Thomas gale died in Angola on January 23, 1865.[14] His hometown newspaper in Middletown, Orange County, New York carried the news a month later but printed his death date as January 27, 1865.[15] It is probable that he was buried along with his wife, Martha, who died January 11, 1881 in the old city cemetery on Stocker Street.[16] At a later date they were reinterred in the Hendry Mausoleum at Circle Hill Cemetery. Louisa, Mrs. A. W. Hendry, was the youngest daughter of the Gale family thus explaining this relocation.

Perhaps in the future more information will be uncovered about this early pioneer and developer. Lack of primary sources have limited my attempts of dis covering even more about this interesting family.

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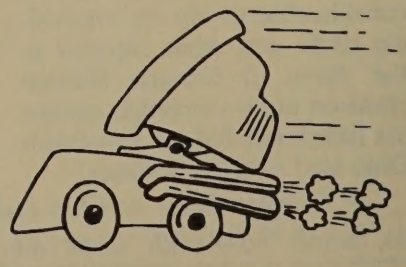

From the Steuben County Historical Society

The Historical Society has a supply of the *Steuben County Cemetery Books* available for sale. These two volumes were compiled by Steuben County's Audrey Lewis and contain burial records from the beginning to 1985. Please contact:

Steuben County Historical Society
P. O. Box 474
Angola IN 46703

Volumes I, II	$100
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Book Rate	6
Total	$111

From the Editor

I heartily apologize for the belatedness of this publication, but I trust that the content and appearance will prove worth the wait. With the onset of summer and overtime at work my time was at a premium. (Not to mention the technical problems I encountered with the different types of content.) Enough excuses--Keep the contributions coming--Deadline September 15 if not on a computer disc, October 1 if it is. Contact me at the society address if any questions or contributions.

Ruth Alderman

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The Angola Carnegie Public Library has the following sources of interest to those doing Pennsylvania research:

Abstracts From The Pennsylvania Gazette, 1748-1755
Biographies from Albermarle County, Pa. (In folder)
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Index Bedford County, Pa. Wills, 1771-1990
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Index To Cambria County, Pa. Wills, 1804-1900
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Correction

In the last issue, we reported on a collection of audiocassettes available at the Angola Carnegie Public Library and stated that they had been published by the Indiana Genealogical Society, while they were actually published by the Indiana Historical Society.

Coming Events

September 18, 1995	7:00 PM	David and Michelle Olsen--Canals and migration patterns
October 22, 1995 (Sunday)	1:30 PM	Joint Meeting with Dekalb-- United Church of Christ, Auburn, Indiana
November 20, 1995	7:00 PM	Mark Weldon Civil War Photos-Old Photos- Classification and Identification
December 18, 1995	7:00 PM	TBA

MAIL ORDER FRAUDS

by Mary Jane Kaiser
NE District Director IGS

Summer 1995 Volume 7 Number 2 Page 7 of Forum, the quarterly for Federation of Genealogical Societies informs us that FGS in cooperation with the National Genealogical Society has submitted a report to the U.S. Postal Service requesting the Postal Service investigate the mail order business known as Halbert's, Inc.

Halbert's produces books whose main feature is a list of addresses for others who share the addressee's last name. It markets these books in ways that lead possible customers to assume they contain material about their own family histories.

Halbert's products include:

1. *The World Book of (Addressee's Surname).* Contains addresses and reports immigration records drawn from P. William Filby and Mary K Meyer's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. Filby/Meyer books can be found in the Allen County Library.

2. *Burke's Peerage World Book of (Addressee's Surname).* This is the same book as (above) 1. Readers should know that contrary to the advertising, the company known as "Burke's Peerage" did not publish this book. That firm ceased business in 1987.

3. *(Addressee's Surname) Since the Civil War* lists addresses and gives names and dates of deceased Social Security recipients. These names came from the *Social Security Death Index.* This is available on computer at the Allen County Library.

4. (Addressee's Surname) Since 1791 and

5. (Addressee's Surname) Since 1620 repeat chapters taken from (above) 2. And (above) 3. They contain no new data."

6. *Who's Who of (Addressee's Surname) in the United States* includes details drawn from questionnaires completed by the addressees.

The report also evaluates two books: *The World Book of (Surname)* and *(Surname) Since the Civil War.* The report concludes a customer cannot expect to learn anything about his or her own family from these books.

Halbert's also markets "Clan reunion tours" of Scotland, but these follow a standard route no matter where their own ancestors may have lived. Halbert's sells Coats of Arms. The literature calls them "Ancestral", but these arms are created by Halbert's own artists. They have nothing to do with the ancestry of those who purchase them.

An eight-page summary of the report is available from the Federation of Genealogical Societies, or the National Genealogical Society.

Title 39 U.S.C. 3005 forbids the conduct of schemes or devices for obtaining money through the mail by means of false representation. The U.S. Postal Service has investigated Halbert's before. In 1988 that firm's representative signed a Consent Order promising to cease and desist from falsely representing. This is being disregarded today.

You can help see that this business is stopped by writing directly to: Jennifer Angleo, Chief Counsel, Office of Consumer Protection, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington DC 20260-1100. Please send your views about Halbert's advertising and products.

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QUERIES

When submitting queries, type them if possible. Queries that are short, concise and ask a specific question are more apt to get results. Your queries should be no longer than 50 words. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL QUERIES YOU WANT PUBLISHED TO THE SOCIETY ADDRESS AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

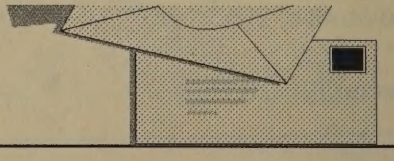
Shirley Phillips Friel
Query Editor

(SOWLE, ALLEN)

ANITA STONG, 2600 PUALANI WAY #1805, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96815. Seek info. on gg grandparents Rev. Abraham M. **SOWLE** (1810-1888) and wife, Thankful **WOOD (ALLEN) SOWLE** (1807-1890). In 1860 they appear in Census of Fremont, Steuben Co., IN with ch: Susannah Ann, Joseph Marsh, and Marcus J. He served as Chaplain, 74th Regiment, Ind. Inf. 1863-1864 .

(FEE, PHILLIPS)

RICHARD NEWCOMER, 3731 COUNTY RD 46A, AUBURN, IN 46706-9714. Seeking the parents of Moses **FEE** and his wife, Sarah **(PHILLIPS) FEE** who married 18 April 1846 in Steuben Co., IN.



(HENDERSHOT)

AL BRYANT, 500 S. WEST ST., ANGOLA, IN 46703. Need information on Samuel **HENDERSHOT** married Mary **HENDERSHOT** d/o of Donald and Ellen **HENDERSHOT** in Ontario, Canada on 17 Jan 1854 and resided in Huron Co., MI ca 1870-1900's.

(BOLIN, BOLAND, DOUDT, MUNDY)

PAT HARRINGTON, 4600 N 700 W, ANGOLA, IN 46703. Seeking parents of Levi **BOLIN** (a/k/a **BOLAND**) (b. Ohio 1829 d. 1863) who married Mary **(DOUDT) BOLIN** in 1852. She m. 2nd Lewis Mundy. Levi and Mary's Ch: Geo. Washington, b. 1854, James Madison, b. 1856, Milton, b. 1858. Levi **BOLIN** brd. in Flint Cem., Steuben Co., IN.

(GLEASON, SAMS)

MINDEE GLEASON, 3455 W STATE RD 120, FREMONT, IN 46737. I would appreciate any info. on the parents and siblings of Porter Burdick **GLEASON** b. 5 Sept 1815 Onandaga Co., NY. He married Amy **SAMS** 19 Dec 1837 in Richland Co., OH and d.in Steuben Co., IN 26 June 1880.

(HURD, PINNEY, MOREHEAD)

MARY PINNEY, 3535 W STATE RD 120, FREMONT, IN 46737. Where did Nancy **(HURD) PINNEY** remove to after 1869 when resided in Branch Co., MI? Nancy **HURD**(b. 12 Oct 1812) d/o Smith **HURD** and Sybil **(MOREHEAD) HURD** married Benjamin **PINNEY**.

(SOMERLOTT, SUMMERLOTT)

ESTHER SUMMERLOTT WALTON, 525 W. GREEN ST, HASTINGS, MI 49058. Researching **SOMERLOTT (SUMMERLOTT)** family in the United States. Currently searching for descendants or anyone knowledgeable of the Somerlotts of Steuben County. Co.,

Steuben County Pioneers

ADRESSES and LETTERS REPLETE WITH INTERESTING REMINISCENCES

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR JUST ENDED

The meeting of the old settlers of Steuben County on last Saturday was probably the largest ever held in the history of the society. The attendance was so large that it could have been considered a good day at the county fair. The meeting was called to order by the president, Myron Powers, after which the old-fashioned choir, led by H.P. Hathaway, who lined the hymn, sang

"Come holy spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening power,"

after which prayer was offered by Father Porter. The company then adjourned for dinner, and in very short time were assembled in neighborhood groups, enjoying a repast of pies, cakes, and other delicacies that would astonish the good housewife of fifty years ago. On reassembling, the choir sang,

"When I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies."

The obituary list was the read by the secretary and is as follows:

The list is included is the following article, with additional notes.

Following the reading of the death roll, were remarks, by representives of the various townships. Following we give some of them necessity abreviated, but in no case were items of importance or interest intentionally omitted.

MILLGROVE

Remarks by Chester Salisbury

I had expected to listen to my friend L.H. Stocker, who was acquainted with the incidents in Millgrove township in the early days. I settled in Jamestown township in 1837 and moved to Millgrove in 1853, I will try and give you a few incidents in addition to what is already recorded.

Millgrove was settled by a colony from Vermont in 1834, consisting of the families of John Stocker, Geo. D and S.A. Parmenter, Able Blachard and Benj. Pierce. In 1835 Chester Stocker, S.C. Sabin, Elihu Sabin, and Nelson Newton arrived from the same state, and Miss Eliza Eaton from Massachuesetts. For delicacies they had potatoe balls for sauce and sheep sorrel for pies. A lady visitor after partaking of the pie declared it a good substitute for dried apples, and and carried some roots home to transplant, so that in the future she might be prepared to treat her company in the best of style. Mr. Newton is the only survivor of the list, and he has passed his 82d birthday, and is a helpless invalid, patiently waiting for the boatman to carry him to the other shore. The first Baptist church was organizied August 1, 1835, the Presbysterian the same year and the Methodist in 1837. The first school was taught by Mrs. Elihu Sabin. She received $1.25 per week, provided the school room and board herself. The Seminary was built in 1850, and the first teacher was Samuel Harper. Our grist mill was built by Timothy Kimball in 1838. His daughters Betsy Julia, and Jerusha were the first to engage in the manufacture of sewing silk from raw material. The first fatal accident was the drowning of John Anderson in 1839, in a little ☞

lake near Nevada Mills, and the second was the death of Charles Phelps, caused by a falling timber while moving a barn. The ladies as a rule were seldom absent from church. It was fashionable in those days for each one to take part in the music, and they carried their instruments in their arms instead of leaving them with a nurse. In addition to their house work they spent their leisure time (?) hours in knitting, weaving, spinning and working of that kind. I am pleased to meet with you on this occasion, and may we all be spared to meet again at the next anniversary of this society, and as we pass along life's journey let us do as well as we can, do good, love mercy and remember the poor.

JAMESTOWN

Remarks by George Harding

I came to this township in the spring of 1835. On the night of Saturday June 20, 1835, corn, potatoes, and wheat were frozen to the ground. There were only eight acres of wheat in the county that year and was on Jackson prarie. On Monday following the commissioners started to lay out what is now known as the Vistula road. The first night I spent in Jamestown was northeast of Dewey's corners. It rained and we had no shelter save what we were able to make with strips of bark from elm trees. Only four quarter sections of land had been entered from the government, and the rest was vacant between Fremont and Orland except for two pieces, one 92 of acres entered May 10, 1835, by A. Ansley and 12 acres by O. Elmore, May 19. I entered 80 acres June 27, and Barton Collins 386 acres on July 3, and built the first house in the township. Orrin Preston enter 120 acres in September, 1835. He started to mill one morning with an ox team and went from one mill to another until he was seven mile from Constantine, Mich., where he was told by the miller that he could not grind for him. Mr. Preston however, prevailed on him to grind the grist during the night. He had gone over forty miles. It took people a week to go to the mill in those days. Now people think it hard one day in that way. The Mallory family came from Vermont in 1836. There were eight children, five girls and three boys, and all lived near together. Their father died in 1864, and the children were all at the funeral but one. In 1868 their mother died and they were all at the funeral with the exception of one who died in the west, they all got together in half a day. A few days ago one of the boys told me that he had worked hard making rails and all he had for dinner was baked potatoes, but that was common then. Young people now would think that poor fare to work on, and I think so myself. It is no disgrace to be poor, but that it is very inconvient I know that by experience. But the young man who made rails and had only potatoes, now has a good farm and is enjoying the fruits of his labor.

In the fall of 1835 a large family by the name of Depue came and bought land in Jamestown and Millgrove. The first two generations have all passed away, but I have lived to see the fifth generation of that family.

I have hauled wheat from Jamestown to Fort Wayne, a distance of sixty miles, with two yoke of oxen, and sold it for fifty cents a bushel, and you had to give sixty-two pounds for a bushel. I have also, in 1843, hauled wheat to Tecumseh, Mich., seventy miles to buy nails. Two years ago I wrote the postmaster there to learn what nails were worth at that time. He wrote that an old man who worked at the carpenter's trade at that time thought they were worth a shilling per pound. Hence I got five pounds of nails for a bushel of wheat. Farmers, how many pounds of nails can you can you get for a bushel of wheat today? I think I never saw a time when a farmer could take a load of wheat to market and bring home as many goods for his load as now. I cannot see such very hard times. We see farmers and their families coming to town with good horses, harness and carriages, and they are able to wear good clothes, and the people who work by the day dress well enough to go to any gathering of people. I think we are a progressive people and ought to be prosperous and happy, but if a person get $1 a day and spends $1.10, he will fall behind. Every one ought to save part of their wages if possible.

There are only four families in the township living on land they entered: Daughters of C. McCuller and B. Collins, E. Leland, and Harding.

Now in conclusion let me say to all, always try to live right and do right and die right.

FREMONT TOWNSHIP

Demary Tillottson was chosen to represent this township but said he was no speech maker and begged to be excused. In answer to questions, he said he was 80 years of age and came to this county fifty-five years ago this month.

The Steuben Republican, Wednesday August 13, 1890

This article will be continued in the next issue of *SCGS Quarterly*

DEATHS ANNOUNCED AT OLD SETTLERS MEETING 1890

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Obituaries from *The Steuben Republican*
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Edited by Peg Dilbone

BALDING Jane G.
b. 4 July _____ Livingston, Co. N. Y.
m. G.W. Balding 16 November 1836
Lived Balding Homestead NE of Angola, IN
d. 2 June 1890
Obit: *Republican* 4 June 1890 p. 8

BROWN Polly E.
See Polly E. Carpenter

BURDICK Jared L.
Came to this county 1837
Steuben County History p. 557-558

BUTLER Lucy
b. 25 Nov 1811 Granville, Massachusetts
Came to this County 1856
m. Fred Butler
Maiden name Perkins
d. 28 Jan 1890 Angola, Indiana
Republican
b. 29 Jan 1890

CALLEN Margaret
b. Pennsylvania
Came to Steuben County 1854
d. 15 Oct 1889
Obit: *Republican* 23 October 1889 p. 8
Mrs. William Callen

CARPENTER Polly E.
b. 22 Oct 1821 Alford, Massachusetts
Father was Rev. E. H. Brown an early settler of Clear Lake twp
m. James N. Carpenter
d. 26 Jan 1890 Logansport, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 5 February 1890 p. 1

CARVER Dr. Lewis E.
b. 22 June 1806 Hebron, Tolland County, Connecticut
Came to this County 1844
Parents David T. and Shirley (Tarbox) Carver
d. 21 March 1890 Angola, Indiana
Steuben County History 1885 p. 672
Obit: *Republican* 26 March, 1890 p. 1

CARVER Mary
b. 28 December 1842 Orland, Indiana
Maiden name Stocker
d. 18 May 1890 Orland, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 28 May 1890 p. 4

CHARLTON William
b. Center County, Pennsylvania
Came to Steuben County 1854
d. 1 Sept. 1889 Steuben twp Age 79
Steuben County History 1885 13 July 1813
Cem Bk p. 326 O Hudson Cemetery

CASE Allen
Resident of this county about 32 years
d. 12 Jul 1890 Pleasant twp. Age 75 years
Obit: *Republican* 16 July 1890 p. 8

CLARK Betsey
b. 24 May 1823 Sandusky County Ohio
Came to Steuben County 1836
d. 6 October 1889 near Lake Gage Age 66
Obit: *Republican* 9 October 1889 p. 4
Mrs. Daniel Clark

CLARK Daniel
Came to this County 1840
d. May 1890 near Lake Gage
Obit: *Republican* 21 May 1890 p. 1 "Lake Gage"
Brother Thomas Clark of Avon, Ohio attended funeral "died last week and was buried Monday"

CLOSSON Bertha
b. 14 March 1819
Came to this County about 1850
m. G. W. Closen
d. 31 May 1890 Steuben twp
Steuben County History 1885
Bertha Thornton
Maiden name Weeks

COLTON Lemuel
b. 30 April 1800 New Hamshire
Came to this County 1844
m. Matilda Woodworth
d. 3 June 1890 near Pleasant Lake, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 11 June 1890 p. 1

CRAIN Anna
b. 13 May 1820 Marion County, Ohio
Came to this County February 1836
d. 16 April 1890 Shedds, Oregon

DOLE Elizabeth
b. 12 September 1796 Glouchester, New Jersey
Maiden name Stratton
m. Daniel Dole

d. 10 February 1890 Salem twp
Obit: *Republican* 19 February 1890 p. 8

DOUGLAS Eleanor
b. 17 May 1809 Jefferson County, Ohio
Was married to John Douglas in 1850
d. 18 October 1889 Van Wert Ohio

ECKERT Jacob
b. 7 September 1824 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
Came to this County 1854
d. 8 May 1890
Obit *Republican* 14 May 1890 p. 1

FERRIER Jacob
Came to Steuben County 1853
d. 30 August 1889 Spearville, KS Age 47
Steuben County History 1885 pp. 608--609

FETTERHOFF Caroline
b. 1822 Columbiana County, Ohio
Came to this County in 1852
d. 11 November 1889 York twp
27 November 1889 p. 1 Whole
Obit: *Republican* 13 November 1889
Mrs. Joseph Fetterhoff 67y 6m 27d

FILLMORE Cyrus
Resident of LaGrange County 49 years
Brother of exPresident Fillmore
d. 30 Nov.1889 LaGrange County Age 88
Obit: *Republican* 4 December 1889 p. 8

FINCH Jane
b. New Jersey
Came to this County 1850
m. Orson Finch
d. 20 April 1890 Metz, Indiana Age 76
Obit: *Republican* 23 April 1890 p. 1 "Metz"

FOSTER William
b. Ireland
Came to this County 1856
d. 10 February 1890 Age 77

JACKMAN Orpha
b. 2 April 1831 Ontario County, New York
Came to this County with father's family Issac Richmond in 1841
m. Henry Jackman
d. 17 January 1890 Fremont twp
Obit: *Republican* 12 February 1890 p. 5

This article will be continued in the next issue of *SCGS Quarterly*

William H. Barrett's Bible

in the possession of Dick and Hazel Oxender
of Kunkle, Ohio
Copied by Shirley Phillips Friel
in their home on November 28, 1983

"FAMLEY RECORD OF CYRUS AND SUSANNA BARRETT

Daniel Barrett was born Jan. 16th 1819 and Departed this life May 17th 1894 Age 75 years 4 mo. and 1 day
Cyrus Barrett was born June 20th 1820 and Departed this life Nov 26th 1893 Age 73 years 5 mo. and 6 days
Samuel Barrett was born July 7th 1821 and Departed this life Aug 15th 1824 Age 3 years 1 mo. 8 days
Mary Barrett was born Oct 10th 1823 and Departed this life Aug 10th 1824
Benjamin Barrett was born Oct 14th 1825 and Departed this life Jan 22nd 1863 Age 37 years 3 mo. 8 days
Jacob Barrett was born Jan 3rd 1828 and Departed this life Feb 10th 1828 Age 1 mo. 7 days
Christanna Barrett was born Jan 1st 1829 and Departed this life
Sally Ann Barrett was born in 1831 and Departed this life in 1868 Age 37 years 1 mo. 17 days
John H. Barrett was born Mar 15th 1833 and Departed this life Jan 15th 1862 Age 28 years 10 mo.
Mary Ann Barrett was born Sept 6th 1834 and Departed this life
Eligah Henry Barrett was bom June 26th 1837 and Departed this life Jan 17th 1862
William H. Barrett was born April 21 1840 and Departed this life Aug 31th 1921 Age 81 years 4 mo 10 days

Marriages

Cyrus Barrett and **Susanna Settelmayor** was married April 16th 1818

There Birth and Death

Susanna Barrett was bom June 26th 1797 and Departed this life February 27th 1858 Age 60 years 6 mo. and 1 day
Cyrus Barrett was born August 14th 1797 and Departed this life Aug 14th 1858 Age 61 years

Births

Daniel E. Barrett was boamed April the 16th 1867
Mary E. Barrett was boarned September the 12th 1868
Martha E. Barrett was boamed febuary the 9th 1873

Deaths

Mary E. Barrett died April the 30 AD 1872 Aged 3 years 7 mo and 18 days
Martha E. Barrett deceased Oct the 27th 1913 Age 67 years 11 mo 25 days
William H. Barrett died August the 31 1921 Age 81 years 4 mo 10 days

The Family Register

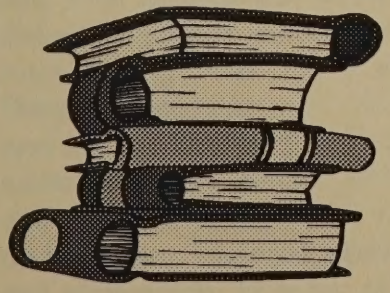
William H. Barrett was boarned April the 21 AD 1840
Martha E. Hollstein was boarned November the 2 AD 1845"

Draper Manuscripts at Local Libraries

Lyman Copeland Draper (1815-1891) began writing letters to seek recollections of Kentucky Pioneers in the late 1830s. Throughout the rest of his life he made trips to the southeastern and middle states interviewing pioneers and their descendents and collecting manuscripts, records and newspaper articles. The result was a collection of nearly 500 volumes. Some are titled by the geographical area covered, suchas Kentucky Papers. Others are biographies of frontiersmen like Daniel Boone and George Rogers Clark. Stoll others are personal records and manuscripts, such as Frontier Wars Papers and Jonathan Clark Papers.

The original Draper Manuscripts are housed in Madison, Wisconsin at the State Historical Society. However, two local libraries, The Fremont Public Library and Carnegie Public Library in Angola, have received copies of thid collection through the efforts of Earl McNaughton of Fremont. Mr. McNaughton had a Microfilm edition of the manuscripts converted into book form.

The Draper Manuscripts are considered to be one of the most famous collections of historical records of American expansion and pioneer life. Steuben County is indeed fortunate to have access to two copies of this collection.



David and Catherine (Blank) Smith

Submitted by David Smith's g,g,g, grandson Richard L. Smith, 7955 St Rd 120 E, Fremont, IN 46737. Originally published in a Gibsonburg Ohio genealogical book.

Three of David and Catherine's eleven children moved to Steuben County, Indiana--Northeast Indiana's Lake Region. Peter Smith (1804-1886) married Rachel Focht (1809-1886), Sophia Smith (1806-1887) married Wilson Teeters (1801-1864), William Smith (1807-1891) married Catherine Astry (1804-1880). All three families settled in Clear Lake Township. Later William and Catherine moved to Hillsdale County, Michigan. There Catherine was buried in the Moscow Plains Cemetery. William Smith followed his children on to Desota County, Iowa, where his children settled and left a legacy which still holds today (1994).

Peter and Rachel Smith remained in Clear Lake Township, lived and raised a legacy which are numerous in Steuben County, Indiana. Of this union were born ten children, Isaac (1828), John (1830), David (1832), Wilson (1835), Peter, Jr. (1837), Simeon (1839), Adaline Smith Enbody (1841), Harriet Smith Lords (1845), Andrew Jackson (1847), George Adam (1850). All of Peter and Rachel Smith's legacy are well documented and are in reasonably close contact with one another, although some live as far away as Renton, Washington.

Sophia Smith married Wilson Teeters. Although both were born in Pennsylvania, they soon moved to Madison Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. To this union were born five children. Priscillia (1825-1863), Harriet ( ), Andrew J. ( ), Lavina (1825-1889), Elisha (1832-1908). From this family comes some of the many records we have for the Smith, Teeters, Oberst, and McNaughton families. To this day their many sons and daughters enjoy the grand wealth of history that was prepared for them. Many children from the Sophia and Wilson line (Oberst and McNaughton) are working back into former generations while some are chronicling the present generations.

Let it be noted, Wilson Teeters is from a family of ten children, whose father is Elisha Teeters (1762-1832) and Mary (Wilson) Teeters. Of the family of ten children, Wilson Teeters had two sisters, Charlotte who married a Henry Roller, Nancy who married a William Roller, also a brother, Jonathon, who married an Elizabeth Roller. The family records show the Teeters and Rollers knew one another many years before the union of these two families took place.

Credits to *DeKalb County, Indiana History*, Chapter III;, *Smith Family Records*, Wava (Huss) Oberst; *Historical Sketches of Fremont, Clear Lake Township* Lee Duguid (Earl Ford McNaughton).

Post Script:
Blest be the tie that binds our families together,
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. (John Fawcett 1782)

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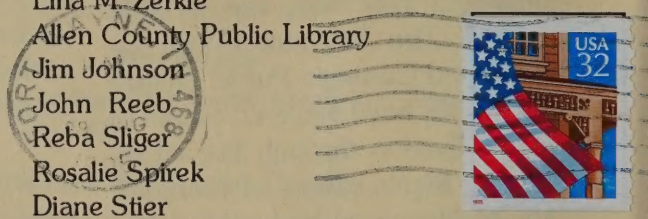

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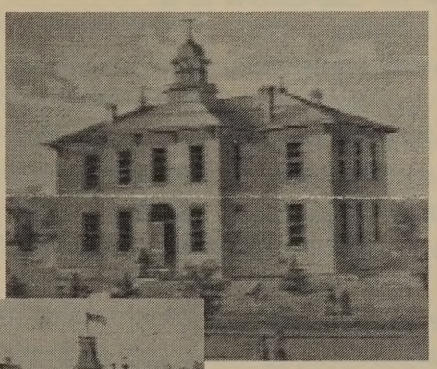
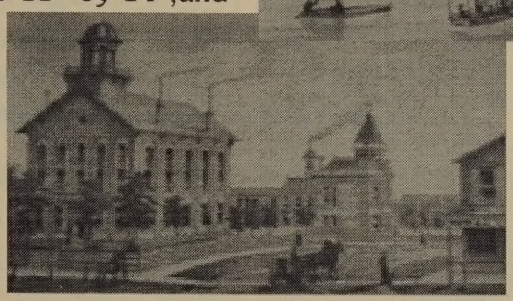
Society Publishes First Book

Collection of Historical Atlases and Plat Books Slated for Publication

The Steuben County Genealogical Society has embarked on its most ambitious project in its short history. Around the turn of the century Steuben County's history was captured in print in the form of "Atlases." These have become scarce and those available to the public, including those in the Angola Carnegie Public Library, have become very brittle with age. The Society has chosen to reprint the oldest of these, 1880, 1898, 1912, in one handsome volume. The old ones were too large for practical storage and use for research. The new ones will be 11" by 14",and over 270 pages, large enough to do justice to the many illustrations but small enough to handle easily.





I had no idea what an atlas was when we started this project, a collection of maps--right? Not necessarily. These not only have maps with the land marked with the landowners' names but the Atlases include many large illustrations like those on this page. There are drawings and photographs of many of the public buildings, homes, businesses, farms, officials, and citizens of the day. Included in this beautifully bound volume are two plat books, 1831 and 1823. The 1831 plat book is the original plat of the county before land was sold by the federal government. It shows original Native American village locations as well as trails they used. The original "lay of the land" before development of the lakes, drainage of low areas, etcetera are illustrated as well.

The book will be printed on acid free paper with the lithography process and bound with cloth reinforced end papers and library binding for years of research and pleasure. As you can see, this priceless treasure will be valuable for not only genealogists and historians, but also anyone who is even remotely interested in the roots of the community.

We are running a pre-publication sale until Dec 2 when you can order this book for only $39.95 (plus tax, shipping and handling)! Save $10 off the retail price. You can even save the S&H fee by picking up the book at the society. Printing is slated for early 1996. Order your own today and order one for a Christmas present using the form on the back of this issue of *SCGS Quarterly*.

by Rip Ridenour

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From the Steuben County Historical Society

The Historical Society has a supply of the *Steuben County Cemetery Books* available for sale. These two volumes were compiled by Steuben County's Audrey Lewis and contain burial records from the beginning to 1985. Please contact:

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P. O. Box 474
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Volumes I, II	$100
Tax	5
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Total	$111

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From the Editor

Here we are--late again. After some computer upgrading and some equipment purchasing we are in a better position to get this thing out sooner. No more borrowing printers (thanks Curt Sharrow). No more waiting for the computer to catch up. Now we are ready to produce some work!

All Charter members should have received their certificates by now. If you have not received yours, or if you want your name different, please let me know.

I hope you will enjoy this issue. The old settlers' speeches are very interesting, to say the least. December's program should be interesting; be prepared to share a couple of minutes about your favorite ancestor.

Ripley Patterson

From the President

Hello again! The news from the Steuben County Genealogical Society is good. Our participation in the Fall Fest proved to be a success. We gained both new members and sales of our atlas reprints. Please remember that your membership fee is our sole source of financial support. Without your continued support our monthly programs and this publication would not be possible.

Our first special project is underway. Please, if any of you would volunteer your valuable time, we can use the help. We are reprinting the three oldest county atlases--1880, 1898, and 1912, as well as two plats--1831 and 1923. *Order your own copy now!*

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions as to how we can improve our organization or its services, write to us at our mailing address.

Roger L. Lash

Coming Events

All meetings are at the Angola Carnegie Public Library unless stated.

November 20, 1995	7:00 PM	Mark Weldon Civil War Photos-Old Photos- Classification and Identification-collects CW Photos
December 18, 1995	7:00 PM	"My Favorite Ancestor" Member Participation
January 15, 1995	7:00PM	TBA
February		Annual Banquet Meeting

BUTLER AND TOWN FAMILIES AMONG FIRST SETTLERS IN STEUBEN CO., INDIANA

Among the first settlers who journeyed westward to Steuben Co., Indiana were three Butler brothers from North Island, Grand Isle County, Vermont. They were Jesse, Daniel and Loren Butler, sons of Benjamin Butler, who died in 1831.

Loren Butler was married to Melita Town, born 15 Feb 1802 at Waterbury, VT, to David (6) Town (Edmund [5], Ephraim [4], John [3], Jacob [2], William [1] and Lydia Slate. Loren and Melita were married in July 1827 at Waterbury.

An interesting account has been recorded of the Butler brothers' trip to Indiana. During the Spring of 1838 they sold their home in North Island, Grand Isle County, Vermont, and with the family of Isaac Prentice traveled by canal boat and lake vessel to Toledo, Ohio. Here they remained a week while Daniel bought two yoke of oxen and several cows. A good two-horse wagon provided with a large long rack covered with canvas, made what was then called the "Prairie Schooner".

Into this wagon, all the household goods of three families were placed. The children, who were too small to walk, were placed in the wagon also, and enough room was allowed for the women to climb in when they became too tired to walk.

This arranged, when ready, two yoke of oxen were hitched on, and the prairie schooner with the precious cargo started for its Indiana home up the Toledo and Chicago Pike. On and on, day after day, with ox-like speed came the pioneers. They passed through Coldwater, from there to Monson [Bronson?-editor], then turning south, they came to Orland, Jackson Township, Steuben County, Indiana.

Eight or ten log houses, one frame building, and a hotel made up the village of Orland. It was Independence Day, July 4, 1838, when the Butlers came to Orland, and there were a hundred or more men, women and children, with anvils, flint lock guns, and "horse pistols" celebrating the holiday.

Loren Butler, who had not traveled with the others, had started the same day in the Spring from North Island with a good span of horses and coming by a shorter route, he reached the area some ten days earlier, and was staying with his wife's brother, Adolphus Town and his wife, Rebecca, and their four children, Lucius, Loren B., Harriet and Ann.

The Butler families stayed two or three days with Adolphus Town, in Jackson Township, and then moved into a vacant blacksmith shop. Here they remained until the first of September. They had decided they did not want to settle on the prairie because they wanted trees. So Jess, Daniel and Loren bought a tract of land from Benjamin Murphy in sections 6-8 in Salem Township. The Murphys occupied the log house built on the side hill, forty rods west of what would later be Butler Corners. All these three Butler families and the Prentiss family moved into the log house with the Murphys, making twenty-eight persons.

In a few weeks, all came down with fever, ague and malarial fever. Some shook every day and others only every other day. All the neighbors were shaking just the same way, so the settlers had the satisfaction of knowing that the ague was no respecter of persons. The malarial condition continued for four or five years with some occasional intermissions.

In about eight weeks the Murphy family moved out of the hive and in the Spring the Prentiss family moved to Ohio.

Loren and Melita Butler built a small frame house on the northwest corner of the Butler Corners. They had no children. Loren Butler died in 1849 and his wife died in 1892.

Adolphus [7] Town, born at Waterbury, VT on 12 Apr 1805 to David Town and Lydia Slate, was married 1 Apr 1829 at Waterbury to Rebecca Simmons, who was born in 1810 in Vermont. Rev. Daniel Warren officiated at their wedding.

They first lived at Bennington, VT, where their first two children were born. The rest of their children were born in Jackson Twp., Steuben County, Indiana, where they had moved before July 1834.

On 18 Jul 1836, Adolphus purchased seven parcels of land, totaling 560 acres, in Jackson Township. By the time of the 1850 census, his real estate was worth $5,000.00. In 1855, he sold his farm, and moved to Owatonna, Steele Co., Minnesota where he farmed and was a minister.

He died in 1891 and she died in 1895 at Owatonna

Their children, surname **Town**, were:

1. **Lucius**, b 8 July 1830 m 3 Jan 1858 **Mary Clark**; lived at Owatonna & Balitson.

2. **Loren Butler**, b 23 Aug 1832 m 4 Apr 1858 **Naomi L. Stough**; lived at Owatonna.

3. **Harriet**, b 16 Jul 1834 m 6 Mar 1857 **Hiram Robinson**; lived in Blue Earth, MN.

4. **Ann J.**, b 23 Aug 1836 d 23 Aug 1873 unmarried.

5. Infant, b 13 Aug 1838 d in infancy

6. **Alvah Sabin**, b 5 Jun 1840 m 13 Apr 1861 at Flint, IN to **Sarah R. Clark**; lived at Owatonna, Steuben Co., IN and Balitson, MN where he d 17 Sep 1912. His dau., **Effie** b 5 Jun 1862 and m 25 Oct 1880 to **Elmer Hughes** were the great grandparents of TFA president, **Myrtle R. Tisdel.**

7. **Emily**, b 23 Aug 1842 m 23 Aug 1862 to **Wait** Stoughton.

8. **Julius A.**, b Sept 1844 m 17 Jun 1873 to **Catherine R. Chaney**; he was a soldier in Civil War, Corp. in Co. E, 4th Minn Inf.

9. **Ezra**, b 4 Aug 1846 m 25 Mar 1868 to **Cordelia L. Matteson**; he was a soldier in Civil War, Priv. in Co. E, 4th Minn Inf. They lived at Watertown, SD.

10. **Ralph E.**, b 6 May 1849 m 30 Apr 1879 to **Clara E Horton**, b 14 Dec 1859; they lived at Minneapolis, MN.

11. **Evaline T.**, b 29 Dec 1851 m 18 Dec 1880 to **Miles M. Colburn**; moved to Centralia, Washington bef. 1931.

Compiled by Shirley Drury Patterson using *History of Steuben Co., Indiana,* by Morley, p. 53 1955; Capt. Charles A. Towne Collection, #1-5-1-5-3-4-10; Vermont Vital Records, and Steuben Co. Land Records.

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Bible Records

According to a story told by a granddaughter of Mary Ann Brown Wood Chenoweth, George and Betsey's youngest daughter, the Bible from which these records were taken was a wedding gift given to George and Betsey by his mother, Phebe Hamlin Brown. Contributed by Roger L.Lash.

"The New Testament of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Translated out of the Original Greek; and with the Former Translations diligently compared and revised, by the special command of King James I, of England. Philadelphia: Printed by Mathew Carey, No.122, Market Street, 1808.

Bible Records

George Brown and Betsey Brown were married the 27 of March AD 1808 [Note at the bottom of this page states *"Phoebe Brown's Book"*]

Births

Girtude Perlina Brown born Oct. 26 1852 (p. 1, column 1)
George Brown
February 8 1786 (column 2)
Betsey Brown
October 24 1790
John Wright Brown
March 22 1811
Frederick Hamlin Brown
April 22 1813
Betsey Charlotte Brown
August 4 1815
Abigail Catherine Brown
December 8 1817
George Brown Jr.
February 1 1823
Samuel Wright Brown
March 18 1823
William Brown
January 14 1825
Olive Brown
June 25 1828 (column 2)
Phebe Brown mother of George Brown April 30 1762
Lucy Ann Brown
April 23 1831
Mary Ann Brown
March 6 1834

Deaths

Phebe Brown mother of George Brown Nov. 25 1828
George Brown Dec. 23 1844
Phebe Maria Crummell
Jan. 26 1845
Betsey Brown
Oct. 28 1880 (column 2)

[The handwriting in this Bible changes five times. Phebe Hamlin Brown's information was obviously added to this Bible when she died.]

New Members

C. Russell Cooper
Celia Davis
Sherry Holthe
Betty DeSelm
Alice Shaffer
Frederic Strobel
Charles Woodward
Beverly J. Laird
Jerry & Lydia Beehler
Sherry Kistler
Rolland & Vivian Tubbs
E. Lynne Wilkinson

We now have sold over 80 atlas reprints!

We now have over 130 members from 8 states!

Steuben County Pioneers

ADDRESSES and LETTERS REPLETE WITH INTERESTING REMINISCENCES

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR JUST ENDED

This article is continued from the July issue of *SCGS Quarterly*

CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP

Remarks by L.I.C. Young

Clear Lake is the northeast corner township of Indiana, and contains twelve sections and deducting its seven lakes, it contains just about one-fourth of a township land, so when you compare statistics, you should multiply Clear Lake's figures by four.

The south and east part were covered by heavy timber, and many valuable sugar camps remain. The north and west were oak openings, and supplied the early settler with hay and huckleberries.

Marsh hay covered the sheds and primitive stables until it was fed out, and the stock had little or no shelter from the cold spring rains. Many who owned no marsh pre-empted to cut hay on speculators' land; they sold the poorest to those living on the timber lands who gave it the name of "sogger hay".

Huckleberry time was improved by Indians and whites as free commoners, and many lawless ones from a distance would throw down fences and drive through crops, and stock running at large would enter the gaps and cause great damage and annoyance. After the fire burned out so many of the swamps in 1871-2, some were prosecuted for picking huckleberries, who thought they had a right to pick where they were not fenced, but the justice of the peace informed them that two handed trespassers were not governed by fences. A strong minded widow living in Michigan was among those caught in Dr. Headley's berry patch who would not surrender at discretion. She picked up a root with a big end and swung it lively when Constable Scott approached too near, and declared that she would "knock him pizzle end upwards".

One ingenious old squaw could beat her white sisters picking huckleberries. She drew on a pair of overhauls and tied the bottoms around her ankles, letting the berries drop inside the waist band until they were filled, then she untied the bottom and let the berries slip into her basket.

Wild game was plenty and hunting was a necessity with most of the early settlers which supplied them with meat, and the skins and fur brought a little money or trade. They were greatly annoyed by a pack of hounds kept by George Hotchkiss who claimed that they were shot while his dogs were chasing them, and that was most of the time. After a while the deer got away, but the dogs were heard no more. On inquiry G_____ said he "saw the deer make a quick turn and the fool dog ran against the tree and broke his neck."

Sometimes the early settlers were on very short rations. Many of a meal was made of corn bread and sassafras tea. Mrs. N. Brown told me she had used corncob ashes for soda, and she knew a man (name forgotten) to take a large load of grain for his neighbors sixty miles to mill in a dry time. One of our substantial old farmers said "some were so hard up they used slippery elm for shortening and greased the griddle with a tallow candle."

The beautiful waters and surroundings of Clear Lake made it a noted place for the mound builders in prehistoric times, as evidenced by seven mounds on the north shore of Clear Lake, two on the west shore of Long Lake, and two a few rods south of Montgomery schoolhouse, all of which have been wantonly destroyed except one which was left at the time the Island House was built. There were four in the east with the remaining one, and three in a row south of it, all about fourteen feet in diameter at the base, and about the same distance from each other, arranged regular in rows east and west, while the other stood north and south of each other. One fourth of July we excavated one and found more soil considerable charcoal, and more soil under it, then at or below the surface were human bones nearly decomposed, and earthen vessels ornamented on the outside which were so tender that none were preserved whole.

The writer protested against the destruction of the mounds because they were the only monuments remaining of an extinct nation that once inhabited this beautiful and fruitful land and besought J.G.W. Colburn to restore and preserve them by sodding around the sides and planting a tree or shrubs on the top of each and arrange a beautiful park about them, and erect the hotel at one side, which would have greatly increased the attraction of that resort. He leveled down six of the mounds and built the Island House over the place where the east ones stood for so many ☞

unnumbered centuries. The Indians knew nothing of their origin.

YORK TOWNSHIP

Remarks by Elias O. Rose

In speaking of the early settlement of York, I can only relate what I learned from the lips of pioneers and my earliest recollections which though distinct, fall considerably short of the beginning, for the actual settlement of the township was made nearly two years before I was born. The first settler in York was Fayette Barron, who in November, 1836 built a cabin and established a home for his family at the extreme south side of the township, on land which now comprises a part of the village of Metz. They were of real New England stock, Mr. Barron having been born and reared in Vermont and Mrs. Barron in New Hampshire. The next settlers were the families of Winn and Stephen Powers, who arrived on the 8th of July, 1937. They went to the cabin of Mr. Barron, and people who were present tell me that Mrs. Barron laughed and cried by turns as she greeted the newcomers, declaring to the women of the party that theirs were the first white woman's faces she had seem since the preceding November. Just imagine if you can, ladies, living away off in the wilderness, where you haven't the privilege of looking into the face of one of your own sex, from November till the next July. If you can comprehend the magnitude of such an experience, you may form something of an idea of the loneliness Mrs. Barron must have endured, and not wonder that she shed tears of joy when neighbors came.

Stephen, Winn and Calvin Powers, with their families, left the town of Allen, Allegheny county, New York, on the 23rd of May, 1837. They traveled with ox teams, and drove cows and other livestock through. Near Painsville, Ohio Calvin's wife was taken violently ill, and the party halted nearly three weeks, awaiting her recovery. It was so tardy, however, that the other families finally decided to resume their journey. Calvin bargained to work a part of the farm of the doctor who treated his wife, and planned to remain there till the succeeding fall. Those who came on arrived in York July 8th, having been six weeks and five days on the road. They all moved into a shanty which had been erected by Clark Powers - then a single man - who, with "Gust" Woodworth and Jackson Cory, had preceded them, coming by boat from Buffalo to Detroit, thence on foot to their destination. The site of the shanty was where the new Powers schoolhouse now stands. It had neither floor nor doors, and the roof was far from being waterproof. It was the best that could be provided however, there was no saw mill in all that region of the country.

Shortly after the other families had gone on, Calvin's wife begun to mend, and with returning strength came an intense desire to join them in their new home. She insisted that she could ride on a bed in the wagon, and, although it was loaded with the household outfit, the best provision possible was made for comfort, and the journey was undertaken. Where the road the roughest, Mr. Powers would carry her in his arms past the worst places, deposit her by the roadside, and go back for his team. Not withstanding the exposure and fatigue, which were unavoidable, she continued to mend, and was convalescent when they reached York, some three weeks behind the others. The latter had heard nothing from her since leaving Painesville, and imagination is not equal to the task when we attempt to picture that reunion.

When Clark and his comrades came back through Detroit - in addition to other luggage - they brought a few seed potatoes, which were planted in a little patch cleared for that purpose. Although snow covered the ground the morning the families left New York, the summer was too far gone when they reached their destination to admit of garden making that year, even though there had been cleared land. Just imagine, if you can, the discomfort and disadvantage of subsisting families till crops could be grown and matured the ensuing year, with no garden "truck" nor field products, other than a little potato patch afforded! In looking back to those early times, we are prompted to note the contrast between then and now. Things regarded in these days as common necessaries of life, were then unknown.

Those early settlers had never seen a sewing machine, nor a kerosene lamp, and screen doors and mosquito netting were unknown. A "smudge," or smoke pot stifling as to be almost unendurable, was the only way of frightening those little winged pests, always so numerous in woodland and we must not forget they had the forest all about them, even to their very doors. None of them had ever seen a mowing machine, to say nothing of the machine which loads hay, or of that which cuts grain and binds in as it goes along. Their only method of cutting grain was with the swinging cradle or sickle and it was thrashed by pounding it ☞

with a flail. Very few had stoves, cooking being done over an open fireplace. Want of a fire often occasioned no little trouble. Although friction matches were invented in 1829, years before the time of which I speak they were seldom found in the homes of common people, more particularly those of pioneer settlements. Care was taken to preserve fire by burying a brand in the embers, but despite this precaution, it sometimes went out, and then if the family had no tinder box - and very few had one - borrowing from some neighbor perhaps a mile away, was the only resort. More than once I have "borrowed" fire, and carried it home between two shakes which would burn off and make no little trouble. This reminds me of the practice of borrowing which prevailed among neighbors, and of an incident of my own experience in connection there with, and as the joke is on me, I trust that I may be pardoned for relating it. My mother once got out of butter and had occasion to borrow of Mrs. Warner. Later she sent me with some of her own make to pay the debt. Now all the early settlers know that my mother was an excellent cook, and an extra good butter maker, and it is not surprising that on uncovering the plate Mrs. Warner should exclaim "What very nice butter that is!" Wishing to convey the idea that my mother could make much better butter than that, I responded, Well ma sent the poorest she had," and it did not occur to me till years afterwards that what I had intended as a little boasting of my mother's ability as a butter maker, was a rather doubtful compliment after all.

One of those preceding me has spoken of the long distance they lived from a flouring mill, in those days called a "grist mill." For the first two or three years after the settlement of York, it was the practice for one of the neighbors to take a wagon loaded with the "grist" of half a dozen or more families, and, with two yoke oxen, go to Adrain to mill. The round trip consumed one to two weeks, subsisted during that time upon the contents of a dinner box taken from home. Money was too scarce to admit of patronizing a tavern. When night came, he would unyoke his oxen, put a bell on one of them, turn them loose, and sleep in his wagon. In the morning he would find his oxen by the sound of the bell, yoke them and resume his journey. In these days, some of the younger people occasionally spend a little time on the banks of our lakes, where they have a comfortable house provided with a stove, spring beds screen doors and mosquito netting over the windows, and call it "camping out." Why, they don't understand the first principles of camping out, when compared with the experiences of the pioneer settlers of any community.

My parents moved from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1845, driving cattle, sheep and hogs the whole distance, and, although York's first settlers had been there several years, it was by no means an old country. We moved into a cabin my grandfather had built for a cooper whop, which had no floor and was so low that my mother had to maintain a slightly stooping posture to avoid bumping her head. We lived there till January, when we moved into a new log house, without a fireplace, and no mud between the logs. Talk about hard times! The people of these days know nothing of them.

There were occasionally exhibitions of inflexible integrity in business deal in those early times, which, under the circumstances, are worthy of special mention. When Clark and Calvin Powers located their land in 1836, they went to English Prairie just over into LaGrange county, and bargained with a settler named Stead for a quality of wheat for seed and breadstuff, which was to be delivered after the Powers families should arrive next summer, the price agreed upon being $1 per bushel. Not long after their arrival, Winn went after the wheat, but with grave that he would not get it. A large influx of newcomers created a great demand for grain; the price of wheat had gone up to $2.50 per bushel, and it was feared that Mr. Stead had sold all he had to spare. Even though he kept it for them, they expected to pay the advanced price. But they credited Mr. Stead with an avarice he did not possess. He had not only kept the wheat, but told Mr. Powers that the price had been agreed upon the year before, $1.00 per bushel, not withstanding the fact that a man was there at the time from near Coldwater, offering $2.50 per bushel for it.

A few years later, Clark Powers had quite a crop of wheat. Instead of selling it he hauled it to Jamestown and had it converted into flour, which he sold to newcomers, nearly all of whom had to buy. One of the pioneers of northwest township, just over the Ohio line, says that moving and building his cabin exhausted all his money. He got out of breadstuff, but had nothing with which to buy. Hearing that Mr. Powers had flour, he went there and frankly stated his condition; that he wanted to buy a barrel, but could not pay for it till he could raise a crop the next season. Mr. Powers as frankly told him that he could have it, and ☞

after inquiring the size of his family, advised him to take two barrels, as one would not be enough to last him through. A man now living in Angola, tells me that the first barrel of flour his mother's family had after their arrival in York was one of that lot which Mr. Powers had put up at Jamestown and in relating the incident, he added, "We got it on tick, too." I am among those who believe that kind of practical philanthropy goes quite as far as wordy prayers in helping people into heaven.

We had no Barnum shows in those early, times, but we were not wholly without amusement. Every district school had its spelling schools once a week during the winter, where we would "choose sides" and wind up by "spelling down," and contest between the pupils of different schools, which were of frequent occurrence, those from Powers neighborhood, of which I had the honor to be one, seldom came out second best. Then when school was dismissed and the lights went out the young gentlemen would single out there sweethearts and "see them home" with all the grace and gallantry demanded by the occasion. A certain resident of York, who now is gray-haired, and here today, tells the story of himself: He attended a spelling school near Fremont, then called Willow Prairie and was introduced to a fascinating young lady whose charms prompted him to offer her an escort home. He took particular notice of her dress, that he might single her out in the crowd when the supreme moment should come. As the lights went out he stepped briskly to the side of his supposed inamorats, adjusted his elbow at the requisite angle, shoved it against her and said in dulcet tones, "May I have the exquisite and unspeakable pleasure of seeing you home this evening?" Instead of responding affirmatively, the lady addressed froze the blood in his veins and fairly paralyzed him by answering. "Lord-a-mass, young man, I guess you don't know who you are talking to. I'm a married woman."

Another of the institutions of that period were debates which were held in winter evenings at the schoolhouses 'round about, and were participated by Judge Cooper, Calvin Powers, "Gust" Woodworth, Alonzo Dunham, Martin Eldredge, my father and others. Whether the enslavement of the Negro was not really for the ultimate good of his race; whether anticipation affords more pleasure than participation: whether conscience is an infallible guide, and other weighty questions, were discussed over and over again. I would like to speak of many other things connected to those early days but lack of time forbids it.

There are several kinds of courage. One is that which enables men to brave the battlefield. Another is that which prompts people to cut loose from the comforts afforded by an old settled community, and encounter the hardship and privations of pioneer life, and those of whom we speak today possessed an abundance of the latter kind. As someone has said, "They builded better than they knew." They bravely undertook and heroically executed the Herculean tasks before them, not so much for their own pecuniary advancement, as for the ultimate good and comfort of their children and grandchildren. I am glad to see so many young people here today. It is well for them to know all that is possible of the early history of the region where they live, and to learn it from the lips of those who made that history, before death silences them forever. I trust that the young people will make it a point to attend all future meetings of the old settlers, and to learn wisdom from the good deeds of those whose gray hairs command our respect and esteem.

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Shirley Phillips Friel
Query Editor

BEACH, CALVIN, FAILES

SHIRLEY PHILLIPS FRIEL, *1104 Crestview Drive, Angola, IN 46703.* Seeking parents of Thomas Ringels Beach, b 22 Oct 1813 in CT, m. Martha C. Failes, dau. of Jacob and Mary Failes on 3 April 1841 in Trumball Co., OH. They lived in NY, Steuben Co., IN, and Williams Co., OH. Thomas d. 19 Oct 1864 in Williams Co., OH.

BEACH AND FAILES

SHIRLEY PHILLIPS FRIEL, *1104 Crestview Drive, Angola, IN 46703.* Searching for desc. of Benjamin R. Beach, b. 7 Mar 1856 in OH m. Elizabeth Calvin 30 May 1880. Benjamin s. of Thomas Ringles and Martha C. (Failes) Beach. He d. 6 Dec 1936 in Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Montana.

CAMPBELL, COOK, GROSS

FREDERIC W. STROBEL, *161 Dogwood LN, Rt. 3, Montpelier, OH 43543.* Seeks info. on Campbell, Cook, and Gross families. My grandfather, John S. Campbell, (prob. son of Adam and Anna Campbell) b in 1863 in IN or OH m. 21 March 1889 in Steuben Co., IN to Nellie Mary Cook (dau. of Geo. and Barbara [Gross] Cook).

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JAQUA Seth
b. 8 October 1827 NY
Came to this County about 1850
m. 1 Betsy V. Colton
m. 2 Clarissa Claypool
m. 3 Eliza Pillsbury
d. 18 June 1890 York twp
Obit: *Republican* 25 June 1890 p.

GASKILL Asa
b. 25 November 1810 Cayuga County, NY
Came to this county 1837
d. 18 November 1889 Metz
Steuben County History 1885 p. 860
possible mistake in Birth information
Obit: *Republican* 20 November 1889 P. 8
27 November p. 1

HARRIS Sally
Settled Clear Lake twp 1836 with her first husband, Charles Troop/Throop
d. 11 November 1889 at home of J.J.Berry Clear Lake twp
Obit *Republican* 20 November 1889 p. 8
Cem Bk. Teeters
Mrs. Charles Throop d. 1848 Teeters
Mrs. David Harris d. 1885 Teeters

HOLDEN Amanda
Resided Steuben Co about 50 years
d. 14 June 1890 Age 89

LEEDS Charles
b. Boston, Massachussetts
Came to Steuben Co 1853
d. 23 August 1889 Pleasant twp Age 80
Obit *Republican* 28 August 1889 p. 4

LEWIS James
b. 9 February 1827 Allen County, Ohio
Came to this County 1858
m. 1 Samantha Everet
m. 2 Susan Teegardin
d. 26 February 1890 Hamilton
Obit: *Republican* 5 March 1890 p. 8

LUCE George L.
b. 14 April 1832 Ashtabula County, Ohio
Came to this County with father's family 1836
d. 14 December 1889 Lake Village, Newton County, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 11 Dec 1889 p. 8

MACARTNEY William
b. 20 June 1826 Geneva, Ontario County, NY
Came to this County 1843
d. 26 December 1889 near Angola
Steuben County History 1885 p. 685
Obit: *Republican* 1 January 1890 p. 4

MICHAEL Enos
b. 4 November 1824 Dauphin County, Susquehannah twp, PA
Came to this County 1848
m. Barbara Dunkel
d. 25 February 1890
Steuben County History, 1885 pp. 569-70

MORSE John H.
b. 1813 Connecticut
Came to this County in 1856
d. 31 October 1889 near Lake Gage
Obit: *Republican* 6 November 1889 p. 5
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PALMER Daniel E.
b. 10 January 1812 Delaware County, NY
Came to this County 1840
d. 10 May 1890 Angola, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 14 May 1890 p. 1

RENNER John
b. 19 September 1803 Louisburg, PA
Came to Steuben County 1844
d. 29 October 1889 Steuben twp
Obit: *Republican* P. 4 30 October 1889
Cem Bk over 86 buried Hamilton

RICHMOND Orpha
See Orpha JACKMAN

RODGERS JAMES M.
Came to this County 1837
d. 2 March 1890 Winchester, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 12 March 1890 p. 8 "Orland"
b. 14 May 1825 Dauphine County, PA
Came to this County Spring 1855
m. Daniel Schaffer
d. 1 August 1890 Fremont, Indiana
Steuben County History 1885 p. 573
Maiden name Wharen/Wharren
Obit: *Republican* 13 August 1840 p. 8

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Charter Members

Some of the charter members posed for a picture on August 21, 1995 at the monument in downtown Angola, Indiana, Steuben County's seat. The photo was in local newspapers along with a story about the society. We still have some 5 by 7 color pictures for sale at $4 each--see one of the officers or write to the society. Membership is now over 150 members from 15 states. Some members in the photo remain unidentified by the editor and staff. If you are one of them, please let the Editor know.

Front row, left to right: Eva Kaufman, *unidentified*, Roger Lash, Roy Ridenour and Ramona Holsinger
2nd row, left to right: Darlene Ridenour, Pat Harrington, Betty Simpson, Peg Dilbone, Janice Ridenour, *unidentified,* Diane Stier, Molly Lytle, Myrtle Tisdel, Frances Rousseau, Sue Fribley and Stephen Fribley
3rd row, left to right: Rip Ridenour, Mindee Gleason, Bonnie Nagel, Sean Walker, Eleanor Lash, Mary Pinney, Laurie Freed, Ruth Hill, Judy Severens, Niann Lautzenhiser, Sara Smith, *unidentified*, and Jean Holderness
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Back row, left to right: Dave Renshaw, Charles Woodward, Linda Boyer, Jerry Boyer, Dorothea Houser and Al Bryant.

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From the President

Let me thank you for the past eleven months. To say they have been interesting would be an understatement. The growth in membership is more than any of us expected. The success of our book sale is also appreciated. Without our hard working members this sale would not be a success. There will be extra books printed if you have not ordered your own copy.

As we approach our first year, those of you who joined last February will find your membership expiring on the last day of February. Please renew your membership! I think our quarterly newsletter is worth the membership fee alone.

As February approaches, that also brings election of officers. Please consider serving on our Board. If you have already been contacted by the nominations committee and told them no, please reconsider. A committee post would also be appreciated. Many hands make light work or so the old saying goes.

Planned events for the coming year are: a genealogical workshop, Home Farm Expo exhibit, and perhaps another publication. We will need many volunteers in the coming months. Please give of your time and together we can accomplish great things!

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the February meeting.

Happy Hunting!

Roger L. Lash

From the Editor

There I am ..late again. Each issue seems to have its own challenge. This time it was the index. Mary Pinney extracted it; Shirley Phillips Friel keyboarded it; all I had to do was format it, right? Well, it's not that easy. Then in the middle of that was formatting the Atlas index--at least that went OK. Once the photo on the front page is completely identified, this puppy is in the mail with or without the index. The Index will follow in an appendix edition of the SCGS Quarterly.

Please send me any Bible records, short family history, vintage letter, etc. that you would like published. Thank you for an eventful year.

Rip Ridenour

Annual Elections

Annual elections for the SCGS will be held at our February meeting, February 19, 1996, 7:00 pm. The slate of officers is as follows:

Executive Board

President	Roger L. Lash
Vice President	Mary Pinney
Secretary	Kay Lash
Treasurer	Bonnie Nagel
Dir. of Publications	Rip Ridenour

Standing Board

Historian	Richard Smith
Program Chairman	Peg Dilbone
Publicity Chairman	Pat Harrington
Membership Chairman	Shirley Friel

The nominating committee tried to solicit a larger slate, but was unsuccessful. Either society members were unable to commit to the responsibilities, or were unwilling to run against many of the incumbents. ***The President is planning to solicit nominations from the floor as provided for in our constitution.*** Please attend the meeting to enter your vote for this slate of officers or for a canditate of your choice.

Richard Smith, Kay Lash, Laurie Freed
1996 Nominating Committee

Free Queries

A weekly genealogy column carried each Sunday by ***The South Bend Tribune,*** with a circulation of 125,000, "Michiana Roots" offers a free query service to researchers all over the country. Queries limited to 25 words, plus names and sender's first and last name and address including zip code. One inquiry per sheet of paper, clearly stated with typed or printed surnames to minimize error. Send your query to Michiana Roots, the South Bend Tribune, 225 W. Colfax, South Bend IN 46626.

The Column also carries advice about research techniques and passes along news of the genealogical world. The first four years (1972-77) of the column have been collected in book form and can be ordered for $15.95 at the same address. Make checks payable to Carol Collins.

Steuben County Pioneers

ADDRESSES and LETTERS REPLETE WITH INTERESTING REMINISCENCES

NECROLOGY OF THE YEAR JUST ENDED

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PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Jesse M. Gale had been chosen to represent Pleasant, but had asked to be excused, and hon. A. W. Hendry entertained the people for a few moments.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

Nelson Hutchins, who represented this township, said among other things that he came here in 1841 with his wife and two children and settled on the farm where he now lives. His personal property at that time consisted of a cow, five sheep and $3 in money. He found friends on every side, who assisted him until he got a start. He hopes that by kindness to others in later years he has repaid the generous favors he received in the early days when his needs were many.

SALEM TOWNSHIP

Eli M. Teal said he was very happy to be able to meet with the old settlers. "Their number is decreasing at a rapid rate. When I look for my old friends I am only able to find one here and another there. The ties that bind the the early settlers together will never be realized by the younger people unless they go into a new section of country. Today we hear much talk about hard times and poor markets. This generation don't know anything about hard times. I have followed an ox team through the woods from Salem to Three Rivers, Mich., for potatoes and had to be content with poor, and hollow ones at that. I have hauled wheat to Fort Wayne and sold it for sixty cents a bushel and the roads were so bad that there was not five rods of the whole distance that was decent place to 'blow a team.' Be sociable but don't talk too much . In the days of 1840 two or three girls would hitch up a team and drive for miles, and what they talked about would not be blabbed all over the county. The young people today have a goodly heritage. We hope that they may be very kind and courteous to the old people, and grant that we may lived such lives that when we are gone they may say, 'Blessed are father and mother, who have wrought out so much for us in northern Indiana.'"

STEUBEN TOWNSHIP

Abner Winsor was not able to attend, hence sent the following, which was read by the secretary: "It would give me great pleasure and shake the friendly hand and renew old acquaintances, many of whom date back for half a century when we were all neighbors and friends, with the latchstring out at every cabin door and a hearty welcome for all strangers. When I say those were happy days I voice the sentiment and truth of all the old pioneers of Steuben County."

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP

Ransom Gates said he was no hand to make a speech, but before the close of his remarks related many interesting incidents. He told about the latch on the door of the old cabin in which they lived. It was as long as the door was wide, and when the father got so far from the cabin he could not hear it fall when the children went in and out he, considered himself lost. Game was plenty, but owing to severe attacks of buck fever his father shot at sixteen different deer before he was able to bring one down. One morning he remembered the advice of Charles Edy, who was known to many people in this county, given him before he started for the west. The advice was: "drop the gun; then raise it until you can see hair, and the pull." He followed the advice and killed his first deer, and after that they had game in abundance. One day they got out of fire and he was sent three miles to borrow some. They took a dipper in which to carry the coals, and on the way home the handle melted off and the fire dropped to the ground.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

S. W. Scoville contributed a paper which, on account of limited space cannot be published in full. He left the state of New York, July 4, 1835 and for a time sojourned in Michigan. He gives many interesting incidents of his wanderings through the wilderness in southern Michigan, in this county and LaGrange. Several times in journeying from Lima to the Haw Patch he passed over the site of the town of LaGrange, then an unbroken wilderness. Mr. Scoville entered the land where he now lives April 30, 1836. The only settlers in the vicinity were some members of the Jackman family. The land has never passed from his possession. The land being heavily timbered, was a favorite camping ground for the Indians during sugar making each spring. Some peculiarities in their mode of life rendered them very undesirable neighbors. Mr. Scoville concludes; "Within the span of my life wondrous things have transpired. The world has seen the first steamboat, the first telegraph, the first ocean steamer, and the first telegraph under the sea. Our country has passed through the war of 1812, the Mexican war and the great civil war. For nearly fifty four years I have lived among you. I have seen LaGrange and Steuben counties grow up from wilderness. My race is nearly run, my eyes will soon be closed forever. I find myself almost a stranger among a new generation that has arisen to people Steuben County. Thus one generation succeeds another and the world is replenished by troops of succeeding pilgrims."

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SCHOLFIELD Samuel
b. Columbia County, Ohio
Came to Steuben County 1853
d. 25 August 1889 Otsego twp Age 82
Obit: *Republican* 28 August 1889 p. 4

SHEETS Michael
b. 1816 Adams County Ohio
Came to this County 1841
d. 7 August 1890 Fremont, Indiana
Obit: *Republican* 13 August 1890 p. 8

SMITH Price L
b. 5 July 1806 Richmond, Virginia
Came to this County 1850
d. 8 June 1890 near Pleasant Lake
Obit: *Republican* 15 Jan 1890 p. 8

STOCKER Mary
See Mary CARVER

TROOP Sally
See Sally HARRIS

WEICHT Dr. William C
b. 15 April 1822 Germany
Came to this County in 1843
d. 4 November 1889 Angola, Indiana
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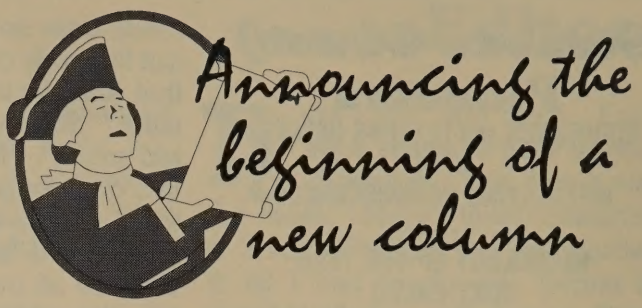

My Favorite Ancestor

At the December meeting we shared stories about our favorite ancestors. Exciting narratives about pioneers, indians, frontier people and bootleggers met our ears and were enjoyed by all. This is your chance to get your tale published. If you have a *noteworthy* or *notorious* ancestor or if you had an interesting time locating them, write down your story and submit it to the editor in care of the society address. It should be concise yet include any details that may be entertaining or informative. If you have nearly any model of IBM compatable computer and could send it on a disk it would be appreciated Please be aware that the editor reserves the right to edit your story. I am looking forward to receiving your contribution.

New Members

Dona Lou Wilson Imler
Dorothy Miller
June Warring Rader
Joseph Tyler
Richard & Frances Wilder
Leslie Calvert
Jean L. Powers
Wuanita Scott
Earl & Beverly Farver
Wayne & Wandalee Cosper
James Holcomb
Billy D. Hopkins
Ruth Kear
Charles & Ruth Sheets
Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Freeman
Merlin D. Johnson
Jayne Olsen
Alice Simper
Catherine Eberhart
May R. King
Michael L. Slentz
Roy H. Towne
Donna Mylrea
M. Jack VanWagner
Judy Simpson
Kathleen Staub
John Oberst

WEST Sarah
b. 28 February 1811 Green County, PA
Came to Steuben County 1843
d. 18 September 1889 Pleasant twp

WILLIAMSON Elizabeeth
b. 27 December 1808 near Carlisle, PA
Came to Steuben County 1851
d. 26 March 1889 York twp
Maiden name Hunsinger/Singer
Cem Bk. Powers

QUERIES

When submitting queries, type them if possible. Queries that are short, concise and ask a specific question are more apt to get results. Your queries should be no longer than 50 words. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL QUERIES YOU WANT PUBLISHED TO THE SOCIETY ADDRESS AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

Shirley Phillips Friel
Query Editor

HILL, HILLS, TUBBS

MRS. ROLLAND TUBBS, 2460 E. Bacon Rd., Hillsdale, MI 49242. Who are parents of Alford Tubbs? What is his wife's, Christina Tubbs, maiden name? Where in NY did this couple originate? They are buried in Hollister Cemetery in Steuben County. Stones nearby are Charles H. ??, son of C. & A. ??. Is Charles a Hill or Hills as Audrey Lewis' Cemetery book lists or a Tubbs as listed in a Tubbs Family History? Will gladly share info on Alford & Christina Tubbs' descendants.

BECK, SHAEFFER, WEAVER, CALLEN, HARPER, MILLER

GLORIA J. HALL, 1405 Hunt Rd., Mayville, MI 48744. Wish to contact desc. of Wm. Schaeffer (d. Dauphin Co., PA) and Margaret (Beck) Schaeffer (d. Fremont, IN). Known to Steuben Co.: Samuel, John, Margaret (Jacob) Weaver, Daniel (Dan the Candy Man), and Lydia (Wm) Callen. Others: Barbara Harper, Jacob, Peter, Mary Miller.

ROOP

GLORIA J. HALL, 1405 Hunt Rd., Mayville, MI 48744. Are there any desc. of Jacob Roop who d. 19 Nov 1863 in 65th yr, and wife, Hannah who d. 23 Dec 1879, age 75 y 1 m 2 d, both buried in farm cemetery north of Fremont. Son, William, d. July 1840 age 3 yrs.

PHELPS, FARLEE

CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Searching for parents and their birthplace of Emily Phelps m. Charles Henry Farlee 5 Sept 1847 in Steuben Co., IN. She b. 28 Aug 1829 in NY. She d. Seward, NE 29 June 1903.

FARLEE, PHELPS

CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Need birthdate and place of Charles Henry Farlee m. Emily Phelps 5 Sept 1847 in Steuben Co., IN. Per census he b. in NY in 1821. Charles d. 1865.

GILMORE, QUICK

CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Searching for parents and their birthplace of Mary Gilmore m. Henry Quick 16 Sept 1847 at Hamilton, Steuben Co., IN. Mary b. NY 18 Oct 1829 d. 9 Aug 1911 Steuben Co., IN.

FORWARD, THAYER, BRONG, SHUMAN, FIFER, HARRIMAN

LAURIE LIGHTFOOT, 10 Heritage Court, Flemington, NJ 08822-2076. Would like to corres. with other desc. of the family of James Forward (1807-1887) m. Eunice Lorella (Thayer) Forward (1812-1896). Ch: b. Ca. 1835-1851, the eldest in NY: 1) Harriet Forward m. Joseph Brong, 2) Morton Forward, 3) Maria Forward m. Henry Shuman, 4) Francis (Frank) m. Mary Jane Fifer, 5) Nancy Forward m. John Harriman, 6) Luther Forward. Family lvd. in Salem Twp., Steuben Co., IN.

FIFER, DELLER/DILLAR, HOFFMAN, HARPHAM, BERRY, SCHEIDLER, FORWARD, BEIGH, FOSTER, FREED, SCHIMFF, WHEELER, CROWL

LAURIE LIGHTFOOT, 10 Heritage Court, Flemington, NJ 08822-2076 Looking for other desc. To corres. With of Adam Fifer (1818-1883) b. PA m. Elizabeth Deller/Dillar (1821-1896) b. Germany. Ch: 1) Elizabeth Fifer m. Aaron Hoffman, Lewis Fifer m. Martha (Harpham) George, 3) Lydia Fifer (twin) m. Dr. T.E. Berry, 4) Margaret Fifer (twin) m. Jacob Scheidler, 5) Mary Jane Fifer m. Francis Forward, 6) Simon Franklin Fifer m. Lucinda Beigh (1st) Ella Cummins (2nd), 7) Loretta Fifer d. 1861, 8) Jestina Fifer m. Joseph Harpham (1st) and Jasper Foster (?2nd), 9) William Jefferson Fifer m. Anna Freed (1st) and Mary Schimff (2nd), 10) Harriett Fifer m. _____ Wheeler, 11) Addison Fifer m. Lina Crowl. Family lvg. In Columbiana Co., OH in 1850. Marriages for 8 of the 11 ch. In Steuben Co. 1863-1880.

NUTS & BOLTS Workshop

Saturday, April 20
Angola High School
Commons Area
1-5:00 PM

TOPICS SUCH AS . . .

Where to Begin
Family Group Sheets
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Court House Research
Organization and Documentation
Joining the DAR
Census Records
Family Sources
Using Computors in Genealogy
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March 25, 1996
Angola High School
Commons Area
7:00 PM

From the **Indiana Genealogical Society**

Prepared by the Editor from information provided by NE Director Mary Jane Kaiser and IGS publications

Membership

The Northeast District Director of the Indiana Genealogical Society, Mary Jane Kaiser urges us to consider joining the state organization. The SCGS is joining as a society, but there are benefits to individual membership. Members can participate in numerous activities and receive a number of publications. These include the ***Indiana Genealogist,*** a quarterly publication featuring genealogical articles from around the state and the ***Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter,*** published six time a year informing members of society happenings and more. Activities include workshops, annual conference, statewide projects, and compiling of publications. Membership to IGS is Individual, $20.00 and family $25.00. If you wish to donate to Dollars for Documents, the government preservation program, you may add $1.00. This is optional. Make your check payable to the Indiana Genealogical Society, PO Box 10507, Fort Wayne, IN 46852.

ELECTION UPDATE

Due to the lateness of this publication, we are able to inform you that **the slate of officers listed on page 2 was elected by unanimous vote** at the February meeting. Also after the meeting a drawing was held by the officers to award a free membership to someone present. *Laurie Freed will be awarded a one year extension onto her membership as a birthday present.*

Congrats to all!

Renew Your Membership

District Director

The term of office for the NE district director of Indiana Genealogical Society ends this spring. I have served six years and do not intend to re-run for the position. I have nominated an excellent and skilled person to replace me.

Patricia K. Johnson of Elkhart is a graduate of Western Michigan University. She retired after 35 years from Bayer, Inc. as a research scientist. She is a member and past Regent of William Tuffs Chapter D.A.R. and a member and past President of Pilgrim Edward Fuller Chapter of Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century. She is a Charter member of Indiana Genealogical Society. She is a member of numerous genealogical societies and a member of First Families of Ohio. Currently she is editor of *Michiana Searcher*, Elkhart County Genealogical Society Quarterly and is Publications Director for ECGS. She was editor of the Horchar Family Newsletter for the past five years. Pat has been vice president of the Steele reunion for the past fifteen years. She has been a family researcher for over 25 years, and has been a professional researcher for the past three years. In my opinion Pat Johnson will serve you well, and I urge you to vote for her.

By March 1, 1996 a special ballot will be mailed to all IGS members in good standing who are residents of the North-East district. At the April '96 conference to be held in South Bend the new district director will be installed, and will immediately commence a board seat for the next three years.

Mary Jane Kaiser
NE District Director

Conference

The 1996 Annual Meeting and Workshop will be held this year April 19, 1996 at the Century Center, South Bend, Indiana.

Workshops include:

County Archives and Preservation-- Insight for procuring your county and personal records from the only county archivist an the State of Indiana.

Jackson Armstrong -Ingram

English Civil War- the 17th Century-- Religious intolerance and Oliver Cromwell provided impetus for our first immigrants.

Bernard Norling, Ph. D.

Cemetery Sleuthing--Discovering easily overlooked clues in the cemetery and using unusual sources. Learn how to read worn stones.

Toni Cook

Surfing The Net--What and where--On-Line genealogical resources: how to access the many resources available to genealogists.

Walt Collins

Writing Your Family History From Your Notes--*How to coordinate your hand written notes into a cohesive family history.*

Dawn Slater-Putt

Library Gems--Research sources throughout the library.

Mary Waterson

Cost is $15 for individual IGS members and $18 for non-members and all walk-ins. Forms are available at the Allen County Public Library

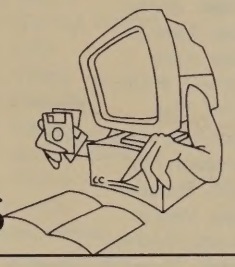
Atlas Books Available Soon

The final copy for the Combined Atlas and Plat books for Steuben County , Indiana is at the printer and we have been promised a delivery date of Mid-March. If you are expecting to pick up your volume, wait for instructions regarding this, otherwise it will be in the mail by the middle of march.

The Editor is aware of the following misspellings of names in the SCGS Quarterly issues previously published:

Coggeshell should be Coggeshall
Goetschins should be Goetschius
Swinson should be Swenson

The Editor regrets any inconvenience this or any other error may have caused.



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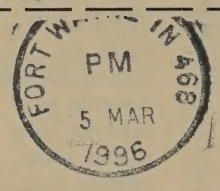

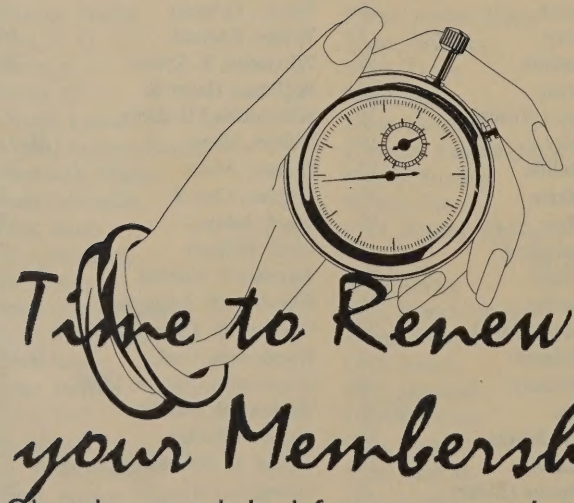

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Your Society at Work ! ! !

Steuben County Atlas Reprints

The sale of the first publication of the SCGS was a resounding success. As the pre-publication sale total was near 200 copies, the board decided to order 300. Since that time we have sold about 40 more for a total of 243 books! That means, math wizards, that we have only 57 remaining!! Customers include 28 libraries from areas such as California, Utah, Missouri and Indiana. We have a total of $3792.12 in our special projects account--proceeds from the sale. We will be using these funds for our next project. The SCGS will be presenting a copy to the Indiana State Library soon.

Despite the good publicity and sales effort expended, I am still running into those who are unaware of the resource we have made available to the community. Show your copy to your friends and neighbors--they may even have a relative listed in there!! If you have yet to purchase your own copy of this historical treasure, hurry before they are all gone and you are reduced to using a copy in the reference room at the library!!

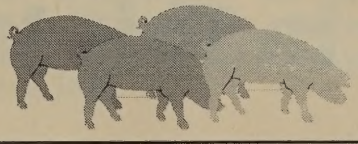
Cemetery Cleanup

The SCGS sponsored a cemetery cleanup effort to assist those who mow and trim them. We especially concentrated on the smaller, out of the way sites. The Teeters Cemetery was cleaned by John Oberst, who regularly takes care of it and has close family there. The Ostego Center Cemetery was cleaned by Howard Streeter, Peaches (Lucille) Streeter, Ty Streeter, Danny Wren, and Alicia Wren. Their interest in this project is their legacy, Richard Struble, a deaf WWI soldier who was killed in action. His stone is in the northeast corner of the cemetery. Jones Chapel Cemetery was cleaned by George Knotek, Mary Knotek, and Richard Smith. Jordan Cemetery was cleaned by Bill Noyes, John Dove, and Richard Smith. Dygert Cemetery was cleaned by Stanley Kauffman, John Oberst and Richard Smith. Hollister Cemetery and Trinity Cemetery were cleaned by John Hughes and crew. York Cemetery was cleaned by Ronald Elliot, Sara Smith, and Betty Simpson. Teegarten Cemetery was cleaned by Orpha Cary. Richard Smith coordinated the effort.

Home & Farm Expo

At this year's Angola Home and Farm Expo your SCGS shared a tent with the Steuben County Historical Society. Though two separate organizations, we are continuing to develop a working relationship between us.

Volunteers braved the cold temperatures to man the tables to promote the society and sell books. Both groups were successful at these goals. A drawing was held for a free copy of our Atlas Reprint. The winner was Virginia Cole. We are looking forward to next year when, *perhaps*, we will be *inside*.



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From the President

Hello again!

Now that Spring has sprung, some of us will move our genealogy outside. Hopefully, in cemeteries (hint, hint). We need to complete our cemetery cleanup project. We have already received a card of thanks from the Jordan Cemetery. Please contact Richard Smith if you have any questions regarding the cemetery project.

Our "Nuts & Bolts" Workshop was great fun. We picked up some new members on a very informative afternoon. If you did not attend the workshop, you should mark your calendar for the next workshop.

This summer we scheduled some of our membership meetings on other days of the week. This will allowed us to see some of our members who could not attend our Monday night meetings. Our May membership meeting was a joint affair with the Steuben Co. Historical Society. Our June meeting was at the Powers Church on June 17. Don't miss our dinner meeting at the Hartmen House, August 19.

We have more activities to keep you busy in the upcoming months.

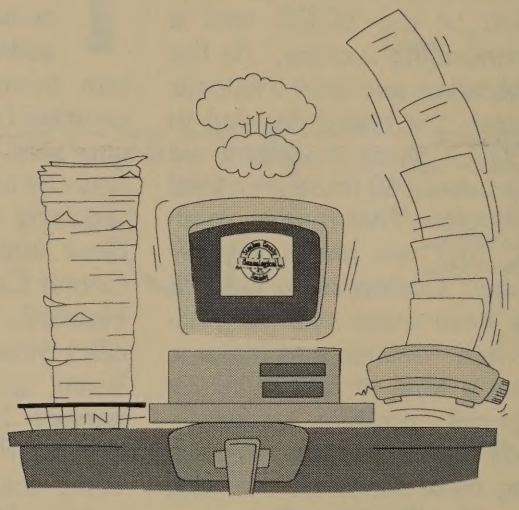
Happy Hunting,

Roger L. Lash

From the Editor

Perhaps I should just change the due date of the publication! Busy times and a busy spring...I do need help however. I need a quarterly committee to help get this thing out on time. I need someone to write articles. This means when Roger or Peg says "Put something in there about..." the writer would write it up--just one more thing I don't have to do. Then maybe I could concentrate on assembling. I could also use someone with a computer to type in the articles (I have someone who does that now but she can always use some help.) Then I can assemble the publication and print it. After that I can use some help putting the pages together to get them ready for mailing. Please let me know if you can be of help. Don't be bashful just call me at 219-665-3026

Ripley Anderson



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SEBASTIAN SOMERLOTT FAMILY BIBLE

DATED 1829
Owned by Alvin Somerlott 1996, Copied by Esther Summerlott Walton, 525 W. Green St., Hastings, MI 49058

FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS

Sarah Willibey
Was born June 13, 1800
James Willibey
*was born April 22, 182(0)**
Mary Willibey
was born May 14, 1833
Campbell Luke
born August 28, 1825
Mary R. Luke
born May 14, 1833
George Luke
April 5, 1852
Maggie E. Luke
born January 14, 1854
Marion Luke
born Oct 22, 1855
Theodosia Luke
born June 9, 1861
Sebastian Somerlott
*September 8, 1797 (1799)**
Mary Ann Somerlott
born Dec 4, 1804
Elizabeth Somerlott
Born January 8, 1823
John Somerlott
Born April (7), 1824
Jonas Somerlott
born June 22, 1828
Sarah Somerlott
born Feb. 25, 1829
George Somerlott
born Feb. 27, 1830
Mary Somerlott
born May 14, 1833
Valentine Somerlott
born July 18, 1835
Franklin Somerlott
born March 22, 1839
Andrew Somerlott
born Sept 2, 1840

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FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS

Franklin Somerlott
born March 22, 1838
Elizabeth V.
Oct 7, 1841
Richard Somerlott
born Nov 27, 1865
Edward Somerlott
Born Aug 11, 1868
Burton Somerlott
Born Mar 11, 1870
Charles G. Somerlott
born March 18, 1873
Mary Inez Somerlott
born March 13, 1875
Laura Edith Somerlott
born January 6, 1877
Frank Morton Somerlott
born March 23, 1879
Lorenzo Dow Somerlott
born July 16, 1880

DEATHS

Franklin Somerlott
died March 17, 1924
Elizabeth V. Somerlott
died May 1883
Richard Somerlott
died Aug 10, 1938
Edward Somerlott
missing since about 1906
Burton Somerlott
died April 21, 1879
aged 9 years 1 month 10 days
Mary Inez S. Reek
died April 16, 1898
Laura Edith S. Reek
died Feb. 12, 1905
Frank Morton Somerlott
died April 11, 1958
Lorenzo Dow Somerlott
died December 31, 1959

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DEATHS

Sebastian Somerlott
May 18, 1874
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Future Meetings

Regular meetings of the **SCGS** are held on the third Monday of each month at the Angola Carnegie Public Library 322 South Wayne Street Angola, Indiana in the upstairs meeting rooms 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. ***You do not need to be a member to attend! The public is expressly invited to attend!***

July 15, 1996

Round Table Discussion Please come prepared to ask questions, pose specific problems, share recent triumphs etc. This is your chance to resolve your specific quandary.

August 19, 1996

Hartman House-6:30 PM-- Dinner meeting. Cost $12.50 tax and tip included. Come early and tour one of the grand old houses of Angola's history. Menu: Baked herbed chicken, tossed salad, parmesan rice, vegetable de jour. Call Peg Dilbone at 495-9852 for reservations before August 10 or Pat Harrington at 833-3426 before August 15.

September 16, 1996

Delia Bourne--From the Allen County Public Library. *Finding People in Census Records* esp. before 1850.

October 21, 1996
November 18, 1996

More special speakers in the works!

December 16, 1996

Trim your Family Tree--Share family traditions, Holiday and otherwise, including recipes, ornaments, heirlooms, etc...

Old Settlers' Society 1891

STEUBEN REPUBLICAN, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 1891

THE PIONEERS

The nineteenth annual meeting of the early settlers of Steuben County was held at the Fair Grounds near Angola on Saturday August 15, 1891. Hon. A.W. Hendry, the president, being absent, Frank Macartney was chosen to preside over the meeting, and gave the address of welcome. The weather was all that could be desired and the place selected for holding the meeting exactly adapted to the convenience of the people. The attendance was the largest by far that we have had at any meeting in the history of the association. The people were called to order by a piece of music, followed with a prayer by Elder Joseph Porter. ExGovernor Luce was introduced to the audience and made a speech of nearly one hour in length and was listened to the closest attention by the large audience. The reminiscences and incidents related by the Governor in his speech showed his familiarity with the early settlement of this county. His tribute to the patient and industry of the mothers among the pioneers was full of pathos and brought tears to the eyes of scores of people. His advice to the young to imitate the hardy virtues and avoid the faults of the pioneers, if heeded could not fail under the improved conditions now existing to make the rising generations both better and wiser. The speech throughout was replete with kindly feeling and plain common sense.

After adjournment of one hour for dinner, Hon. Andrew Ellison, of LaGrange, addressed the audience at considerable length, dealing largely with the philosophy of the settlement of this country, where we live. Mr. Ellison's address while not dealing so largely with the incidents of the early settlement of this county, showed a thorough knowledge of pioneer life in which he was an active participant. The address was able and received the closet attention from all those who could hear.

Fred C. Chapin, of Toledo, Ohio was then called for and spoke feelingly of the growth and prosperity of Angola and such other portions of the county as he had been able to see on so short of a visit, and congratulated his old friends on the improved conditions surrounding them. He urged, upon the meeting the importance of making this association more than a social gathering, that it be sort of nucleus around which will gather an array of facts and incidents that will constitute the best possible history of the county. He suggested several topics on which papers might be written that if carefully prepared and properly verified would be of inestimable value not only to the people of the present but to all posterity

Giles T. Abbey, of Waterloo, related many incidents of olden times, among them he said that he passed through Angola in 1837 when there were but two roads and only two or three buildings, and stumps and logs were seen on every side. At that time Steubenville or Pleasant Lake was much more of a town than Angola.

The secretary read a list of old settlers who died during the last year as follows:

The Necrology listed here is included at the end of the article.

NOTES

All relished the warm tea and coffee furnished free to all of those who desired.

The people were delighted with the music by Heath & Holbrook orchestra.

The remark "The best time we ever had at an old settlers meeting" was heard on every side.

Fred C. Chapin expressed himself as surprised and gratified to meet so many of the real old settlers. The first meeting of the society was held August 9, 1873 and addresses were given by L.H Stocker, C.H. Blanchard and others.

The presidents of the society have been Dr. G. W. McConnell, George Harding, Abner Winsor, Almeron S. Sherwood, Jesse Gale, and A.W. Hendry.

Letters were read from S.H. Sabin, Centerville, Mich., T.W. Meserve, Abilene, Kansas, T.G. Elliot, West Unity, Ohio, and J.M. Keith, Ontario, Indiana. Leland H. Stocker was asked to make some remarks, but owing to the loss of his voice could not comply with the request, greatly to his sorrow and that of the audience.

Demary Tillottson, the first living white settler of Fremont township, 81 years of age, was one of the first on the grounds. His eyesight and hearing are exceptionally good for one of his age.

Andrew Ellison, of LaGrange, is regarded as a member of the association and has missed but two or three of the nineteen meetings that have been held. He practiced law here at an early date and continued in the courts as long as he was in active practice.

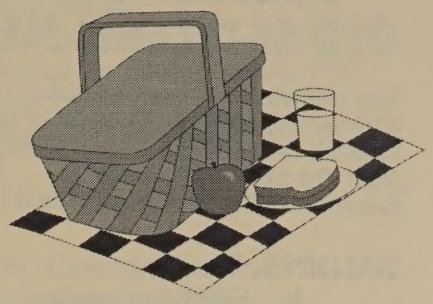
John McClue, of Fremont, now 82 years of age, who came to

this county in 1836, says the first twenty years of his life in this county were the happiest in his experience. The social and physical conditions were more conductive to enjoyment. This is, no doubt, the experience of very many pioneers.

Among the old settlers present were Milton Stayner, who came with his father's family to the county in 1831, Abner Winsor, Samuel Carter, Demary Tillottson and Leland H. Stocker, who came in 1835, John McClue, Gov. C.G. Luce, Clayton Mallory, F.C. Chapin, Andrew Yockey, Elen Thayer and several members of the Stealy Family, who came in 1836.

About forty-five years ago Gov. Luce was a pupil under the musical instruction of W.T. Heath. He states that on one occasion the teacher called on him for a solo, and at the close of the exercise, which the governor thought to be very fine, and for which he expected the flattering approval of his teacher, the latter assured him that it was possible that he might become a singer, but that it would cost more money than it would ever come to.

The memory of the pioneers yet living, records events of national history which when placed in contrast are marvelous Three great wars the last greatest civil strife in the world's history have been fought and have marked as did the blood stained doorposts of the Israelites, the pass over of national progress to a greater independence abroad and a higher standard of freedom, a more elevated plane of civilization at home. Our navy compared to that of Europe is but a toy, our army as a regiment, but our flag is respected on sea and land the world over. This is true now; it was not true when they were boys and girls. The "Pan American Congress" has affected a union of American states on both sides of the equator in international fellowship. Peace and prosperity is the general rule which is proven by occasional exceptions of strikes and strifes. How pleasant then for the old settler that, as he views the improvement of his work as a pioneer, he can also look on the progress of the nation in all its mighty interest and feel the loyal love of the patriot cheer his heart in declining days as he thinks on "then" and "now."



Area Reunions

BOYER
June 9, 1996
Fireman Park, Angola, In
Jerry Boyer
P O Box 576
Angola, IN 46703

DILBONE
Aug. 11, 1996
Vistula Park, Fremont, In
Peg Dilbone
P O Box 232
Fremont, IN 46737

DOUDT (DOUBT)
July
Pokagon State Park
Angola, In
Pat Harrington
4600 N. 700W
Angola, IN 46737

DUNHAM/FERRIER
Pokagon State Park
Angola, Indiana
Shirley Friel
1104 Crestview Dr
Angola, IN. 46737

FIRCOUID
July 21, 1996
McDonald Ruff Ice Rink
Bryan Ohio
Diane Smith Stier
Bryan Ohio

HORNBROOK
August 4, 1996
Smurr Field, Angola, IN

LAUTZENHISER
July 14, 1996
Miller Park Edgerton, Ohio
Nianne Lautzenhiser
Angola, IN 46703

NOLL
June 23, 1996
Pretty Lake Resort
Jerry Boyer
P O Box 576
Angola, IN 46703

PETRE
August
Smurr Field or Fireman Park
Noreen Keller
Angola, IN 46703

SEVERYNS
Chicago Area Park
Chicago, Illinois
Every other summer
Judie Severyns
Angola, IN 46703

PETER SMITH SR
October 2nd week
Richard Smith
7955 St. Rd 120 East
Fremont, IN 46737

DEATHS ANNOUNCED AT OLD SETTLERS' MEETING 1891

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Extracted by Roger L. Lash. Edited by Peg Dilbone

BALDING, Fremont
b. Steuben County
d. 28 March 1891 Pleasant twp 45y6m3d
Obit: *Republican* 8 April 1891 p. 5
Cem Bk p. 80 Circle Hill Sec 3 Lot 2

BARCALOW, Martha A
b. 2 July 1804 Eastern Pennsylvania
Maiden name White, married in Eastern PA
Moved to Williams County, Ohio 1845 then settled Metz about 1856
John then moved to Senca County in 1883
d. 20 February Richland twp (86y 7m 18d)
Obit: 25 February 1891 p. 8
Died at the home of Mrs. B. Allman
Cem Bk p 87 Metz Row 5 St 15

BARR, Frederick Mrs.
Fredericka Maiden name Weicht
b. 13 June 1817 Emmendingen, Baden, Germany
Came to the U. S. via New York 1832
To Steuben Co. 1845 from Stark Co., OH
Father Dr. T.F. Weicht
m. 1 C.J. Freygang d. 7 August 1868
m. 2 James Barr 20 October 1869
d. 4 March 1891 Angola, IN 73y 8m 19d
Children: Harmon Freygang
Edward Freygang
Julius Frygang lived Fairhaven, WI
Mrs. George E. Young
Mrs. H. P. Hathaway
Mrs Joseph W Burch
Obit: *Republican* p. 4 11 March 1891

BATTERSON, Elizabeth
b .11 November 1812 Munroe Orange Co. New York
Settled in Scott twp 1844
m. 1 Lamoreux
d. 28 April 1891 Angola, IN Age 78y5m4d
died at home of daughter Mrs. G.N. Bodley
Obit: *Republican* 13 May 1891 p. 8

BENEDICT, Almena
b. 1803 New York
Maiden name Rogers
Settled on Jackson Prairie 1837
d. 11 December 1890 Orland, Indiana at the home of son Addison Age 87
Obit: *Republican* 17 December 1890 p. 8
Cem Bk p. 129 Jackson Prairie Lot 13

BUTLER, Frederick
b. 21 Dec 1809 near Wethersfield, Conn.
Settled Steuben Co.in Otsego twp 1856
m Lucy Perkins 11 April 1832 (d. 28 Jan. 1890)
d. 4 April 1891 Angola, IN 81y 3m 13d
Obit: *Republican* 8 April 1891 p. 4
Son Frank W. Butler d Civil War
Dau. Mrs. Julia Smith Angola, IN
Cem Bk p. 249 Circle Hill Sec 11 Lot 35

CRAIN, JOHN M.
b. 14 September 1834 Madison County, NY
Came to Steuben County in 1840
m. Rose Renner
d. 6 Oct. 1890 near Crooked Lake 56y22d
Obit: *Republican* 15 October 1890 p.1
Cem Bk p 421A Hamilton Sec Wo Lot 2

DAVEPORT, George H.
b. 15 April Bethany, Genesee County, NY
Came to Clear Lake twp 1842
m. Lucina Lovejoy
d. 24 April 1891 Clear Lake twp 72y 9d
History of Steuben Co. 1885 pp. 587-588
Obit: 29 April 1891 p. 8
Cem Bk p. 463 Teeters Lot 47

DYGERT, Sarah Ann
b. Ohio
Settled in Fremont about 1837
d. 14 February 1891 Scott twp Age 67
Cem Bk p 549 Dygert Row 13 St 8

GALE, Jesse M.
b. 18 June 1828 Crawford County, Ohio
Came to this County in 1837
Wife Elizabeth Metzgar
d. 28 November 1890 near Angola, IN
Age 62
Obit: *Republican* 3 December 1890 p. 4
Children Waldo Gale
Della (Mrs. Newton W. Gilbert)
Cem Bk p. 688 Circl Hill Sec 11 Lot 28

GAMBIA, Sydney P.
Settled at Hamilton 1837
d. 1 January 1891 National City, CA
Age nearly 80
Obit: *Republican* p. 5 21 January 1891
Republican p. 6 28 January 1891 col 3
Cem Bk p. 691 Does not appear to be buried in Indiana. A news clipping informs that in 1885 he was living in Wabasha Co.Minn and he may have been buried there.

GILBERT, David S.
b. 15 July 1827 Lorain County, Ohio
Settled this County 1843
m. 1 Lucy Gaylord 4 children
m. 2 Permelia Grant 2 children
d. 19 April 1891 Pleasant Lake, Indiana
Age 64 63y 9 m 4 d
1885 Steuben County pp. 783-784
Obit: *Republican* 29 April 1891 p.8
Cem Bk p. 720 Circle Hill Sec 8 Lot 1

GUNN, Morrison
b. Scotland
m. Winnafred
Settled York twp 1849
d. 22 July 1891 York twp Age 80y 6m
Cem Bk p. 787 Dygert Row 7 St14
Member Co C 129 Ind. Vol

GOODRICH, Flora
Mrs. Orrin Goodrich
Pioneer of Millgrove twp
d. 8 Nov.1890 Avilla, Noble Co.Age 86
Cem Bk p. 748 Jackson Prairie Lot 56

HAND, Job
b. New JerseyCame to this county 1848
d. 27 May 1891 Jamestown twp Age 87
at the home of dau. Mrs. Issac Jackson
Obit: *Republican* 3 June 1891 p. 8 Metz

HAUGHEY, Mary Catherine
b. 29 Nov. 1823 North Bavaria, Germany
Came to Steuben County 1846
Mrs. Timothy Haughey
Maiden name Gerst
d. 2 Nov. 1890 Otsego twp 66y 11m 4d
Obit *Republican* 5 Nov. 1890 "Alvardo"
Cem Bk p. 855 N. Otsego Row 5 St 22

HAVENS, Charles
b. Essex County, New York
m. Amanda Anway
Settled Fremont twp 1835
d. 11 August 1891 Fremont, IN Age 73
Cem Bk p. 856 Fremont

HENDRY, George
b. Montgomery County, New York
Son of Samuel and Eunice Foote Hendry
m. Thankful
Settled Jackson twp in the fall 1836
d. 2 January 1891 Age 87
Cem Bk p. 880 Circle Hill Sec 35 Lot 7

JOHNSON, George W
b. 15 August 1809 Vermont
m. Edexty Woolcot New York state 1839
Settled York twp 1839
d. 20 Mar 1891 York twp
Age 83 82y 7m
History of Steuben County 1885
Obit: *Republican* 1 April 1891 p. 5

KEPLER, Daniel
b. 1808 Pennsylvania
Settled in Dekalb County, Indiana 1837
m. Hannah Boyer b. Stark County, Ohio
d. 20 Dec 1890 near Hamilton, IN
Obit: *Republican* 29 December 1890 p. 8
82y 3m 5d
Cem Bk p. 1032 Hamilton Sec 5 Lot 107

KLOCK, Lany
b. Montgomery County, New York
Settled Steuben County 1838
m. Henry Klock 16 January 1831
Maiden name Dygert
d. 21 March 1891 Scott twp 79y 7m 9d
Obit: *Republican* 25 March 1891 p. 4
Cem Bk p. 1060 Dygert Row 13 St 22

LEWIS, Harvey
b. 8 October 1812 Wolcott, New Haven,CT
Came to Steuben County 1844
m. 1 Elizabeth Bassett d. 21 Jan 1887
d. 7 September 1890 Age 77y 11m
Cem Bk p. 1126 Block

McELHENIE, John
m. Sarah Brouse
Settled Clear Lake Twp 1854 from Ohio
d. 18 January 1891 Ray, IN Age 73y 4m
Obit: *Republican* 5 Feb 1891 p 8 Lakewood
Cem Bk p. 1217 Teeters Lot 15

McMAHAN, Barbara A
See Barbara A. Sowle

MENGES,Adam
b. York County, Pennsylvania
m. Catherine Huffvines
Settled Steuben County 1853
d. 4 March 1891 Steuben twp 81y 8m 4d
History of Steuben County 1885 p.789
Obit: *Republican* 11 March 1891 p. 4
Cem Bk p. 1246 Mt. Zion

SCOVILLE, Samuel W.
b. 10 July 1815 Onondaga County, NY
Son of David (1789-1845) and
Sally Suthland Scoville
Entered land 1836
m. Rosamon M. Thompson
Settled Richland twp 1838
County Auditor 1856-1860
d. 22 May 1891 Age 76
History of Steuben County 1885 pp. 866-7
Cem Bk p. 1609 Bethel Row G St 3

SHAFFSTAL, Christinia
Came to Steuben County about 1846
d. 14 August 1890 near Hudson, IN at
home of dau., Mrs. Susan Lease 80y3m2d
History of Steuben County 1885 pp 756-7
Obit: *Republican* 20 Aug 1890 p. 8 Hudson
Cem Bk p. 1621 Block

SMITH, Ann
b. 1818 Morgan County, Ohio
Came to Steuben County 1845
Maiden name Walter
m. John Smith
d. 27 October 1890 Richland twp Age 72
Daughter Mrs. David Miller
Obit: *Republican* 5 Nov. 1890 p. 8 "Metz"

SMITH, William
Settled in Clear Lake twp 1850
d. 25 July 1891 Ashland, Nebraska Age 84

SOWLE, Barbara A
b. Pennsylvania
Came to Steuben County with parents, Mr. & Mrs. John McMahan who settled Fremont twp 1835
m. Frank Sowle
d. 15 March 1891 Angola, Indaina Age 68
History of Steuben County 1885 pp. 691-2
Obit: *Republican* 18 March 1891 p. 8
Cem Bk p. 1714 Old Angola Row M St 17

STOCKER, Charlotte
b. 4 August 1815 Columbia County, NY
Among the first settlers of Millgrove twp
Dau of George Brown (1786-1844) and Elizabeth Wright
m. 1 Clark Lee
m. 2 George Stocker 11 July 1839
He died in 1895 and is buried in Iowa
d. Dec.1890 Salem twp Age 75y 4m 8d
Obit: *Republican* 17 December 1890 p.8
Cem Bk p. 1756 Flint

THOMPSON, Levi A
b. Casino, New York
Came to Angola 1848
County Clerk 1857-1861
d. 8 May 1891 Lincoln, Nebraska Age 66

THOMPSON, Levi A Mrs.
d. 8 June 1891

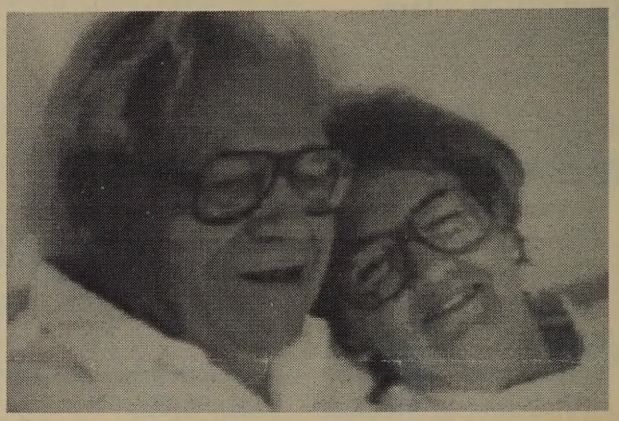
WARD, Ancil
b. 22 March 1829 Ashtabula County, Ohio
Son of Alexander and Rebecca Gray Ward
Settled Steuben County 1836
m. Susan Yockey 16, May 1855 near Fox Lake
Children: 4 boys 3 girls
d. 20 July 1891 Pleasant twp
Age 62y 3m 28d
History of Steuben County 1885 pp. 694-5
Obit: *Republican* 29 July 1891 p.1
Cem Bk p. 1892 Mt. Zion

WEAVER, Jacob
b. Pennsylvania
Son of Henry and Polly Weaver
Came to Fremont spring 1845
m. Anna Margaret Schaefer
d. 26 September 1890 Age 75y 4m 13d
Obit: *Republican* 1 Oct. 1890 p. 8 Fremont
Cem Bk p. 1905 Fremont

WELLS, Col Edwin
b. 27 June 1811
From Florence twp, Williams County, OH
d. 3 October 1890 Richland Twp Age 79
Obit: *Republican* 8 1890 p. 8 "Metz"
Cem Bk 1920 Mt. Pleasant

WOOD, Joseph
Came to Steuben County 1837
d. 24 March 1891 Pleasant twp, in County Infirmary Age 82
Obit: *Republican* 25 March 1891 p. 4

Happy Anniversary !



Stanley R. Stong & Anita Lou (Boyd) Song of Waikiki celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss at a ceremony and dinner at the Diamond Head Suite of the Sheraton Monana Surfrider Hotel on Saturday, April 6th. [1996] Family friend **Major Edward Covert** of the Salvation Army officiated, **Alan Akaka** and his trio furnished traditional Hawaiian wedding music, and Steve Murin did the portrait photos. Three sons, wives, five grandchildren, and a multitude of friends were on hand to wish the couple well.

The bride is a great granddaughter of **Rev. Abraham Sowle** (1810-1888) and **Thankful W. Allen** (1807-1890). Abraham was born in Fulton, NY, married in Saratoga, NY, and lived in Steuben County in the 1860's. He served as Regimental Chaplain of the 74th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. His death and burial were in North Farmington, Oakland, Mi. Thankful was born in Saratoga, New York, and she also died and was buried in North Farmington. She was a daughter of **Daniel Allen** and **Susannah Almy**.

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has the following resources for those doing Ohio research:

Atlas of the State of Ohio, reprint of 1868

Ohio Wills and Estates to 1850: an Index.

Our Boys Who Wore the Blue: Historical and Genealogical Report of Williams County's Contribution during the Civil War, 1861 - 1865

Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio cemetery records: Inclusive to Jan., 1994

Williams County, Ohio Marriages: Volumes I, II, and III, Dec. 2, 1824 - May 12, 1868

County of Williams, Ohio, Historical and Biographical, Reprint of 1882

Montpelier, Ohio, 1845-1976. Stories of the Fountain City, 1840 - 1900

Ohio Genealogy and Local History Sources Index, 1986

A History of the Belle Centre Congregation of the Reform Church: Logan County, Ohio, 1878 - 1905

Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index: A County Guide, 1983

Northwest Historian, newsletter published by the Williams County Historical Society

OhioGenealogocal Guide,1981

Tuscarawas County Index, Wills and Intestate Estates, 1809 - 1850 and *Will Index Vol. 1 to 12, 1809 - 1902*

Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter, March 1985 - May 1992

The Report, Spring 1988 - Spring 1992, published by the Ohio Genealogical Society

Contributed by Kay Lash

QUERIES

When submitting queries, type them if possible. Queries that are short, concise and ask a specific question are more apt to get results. Your queries should be no longer than 50 words. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL QUERIES YOU WANT PUBLISHED TO THE SOCIETY ADDRESS AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

Shirley Phillips Friel
Query Editor

FALL, QUICK, GILMORE

CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Searching for birthplace and dates, place and date of marriage, and place and dates of death for parents of Sarah Fall m. George Quick. George and Sarah parents of Henry Quick m. Mary (Gilmore) Quick 16 Sept 1847 in Steuben Co., IN

QUICK, FALL, GILMORE

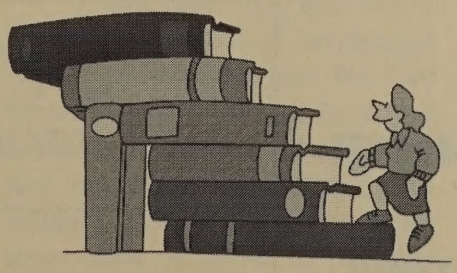
CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Searching for parents of George Quick, their place and birthdates, place and m. date, place and d. date. George m. Sarah Fall. George's son, Henry Quick m. Mary Gilmore 16 Sept 1847 in Steuben Co., IN.

PHELPS, FARLEE

CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Need place and birthdates, marriage place and date, death place and dates for parents of Curtis Phelps m. Farlee. Their dau., Emily Phelps m. Charles Henry Farlee 5 Sept 1847 in Steuben Co., IN.

FARLEE

CATHERINE FARLEE EBERHART, 187 South Zuni, Denver, CO 80223-1706. Would apprec. Any info. On Samuel Farlee brd. Lot 65 Teeters Cemetery, Steuben Co., IN. He d. 26 July 1870 age 83 yr. 10 mo. 4 d.



CARPENTER

N. CARPENTER, 18341 Gladville, Homewood, IL 60430-3311 (Urial@AOL.com). Any information on activities and descendants of Oreson (a/k/a Orson, Orrison) C. Carpenter, b. 1831 NY, d. 1869 Jackson Twp. Wife, Mary Carpenter, buried in Flint Cemetery. O.C. owned commercial building(s) in Flint, any information on his trade desired. Also interested in exchanging information with other Samuel Carpenter of Scott Twp. descs.

DOTTS, CHAMBERS

N. CARPENTER, 18341 Gladville, Homewood, IL 60430-3311 (Urial@AOL.com). Who was George B. Dotts, b. abt. 1826, OH? Married Mary Chambers in Hancock Co., OH in 1850. Came to Steuben Co. after 1850 and was related to Andrew Dotts of Scott Twp. Also interested in exchanging information with other Andrew Dotts descs.

RHOADES, WALLER

KATHLEEN HARPEL STAUB, 23 Swartz Rd., Newburg, PA 17240-0324. Need parents of Lorenzo D. Rhoades, b. NY ca 1811. Lived Berlin Heights, OH ca 1840-55, then Steuben Co., IN Ch: Richard Rhoades b. NY m. Nancy ? in Steuben Co. ca 1850-60; Elizabeth Rhoades b. OH; Ezra Rhoades b. OH m. Anna Waller ca 1865; Joanna Rhoades b. OH; Frank Rhoades b. OH; and Ida Rhoades b. IN. Abby, the wife of Lorenzo D. Rhoades d. Steuben Co., IN ca 1860.

VAN SCHOIK (VAN SCOIT), HUFFINE, HOUCK

RUTH (Van SCOIT) KEAR, 12744 Tr. 84, Forest, OH 45843. Seeking desc. of Samuel Hamilton Van Schoik (Van Scoit) b. 19 June 1814, Belmont Co., OH, d. 2 Jan 1901 York, IN. 1st w Caroline Huffine, 8 children. Need names of children. My g grandfather, LeRoy Van Scoit, was one. 2nd w Sarah C. Houck m. 4 Feb 1851, seven children

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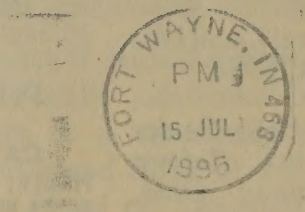

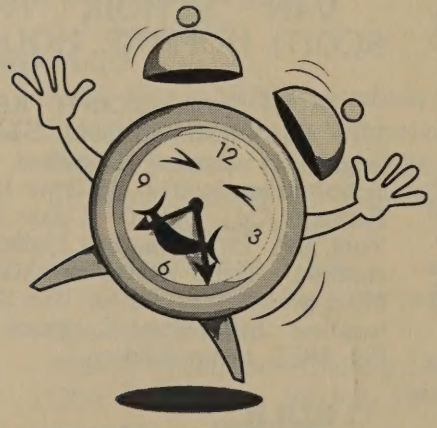

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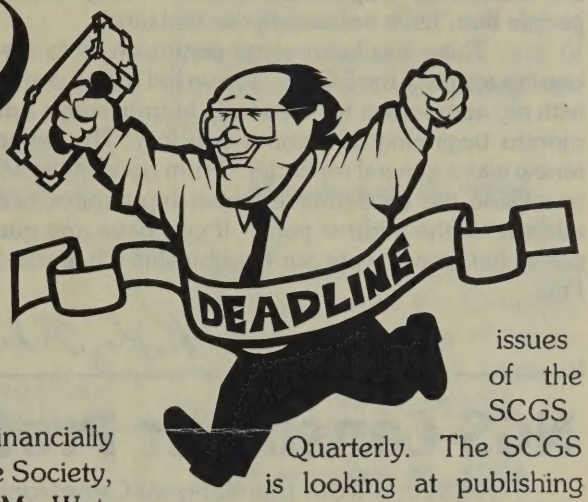

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Steuben County Genealogical Society is asking for your help. We need volunteers to step forward and offer their assistance on various ongoing projects.

It was mentioned at the last meeting that the Society is considering publishing a book on the first land grant records of Steuben County. Quinten Watkins, a current member, through his own personal interest, has already completed two townships. He has studied the first land grants for Otsego and Richland Townships and mapped out the tracts of land on a township map with the owner's name for those townships. The book would contain the date of the grant, the owner's name, the book and page the record can be found in, and a brief description of the property. The exact format of the book is yet to be decided, however, we feel this would be a wonderful genealogical source for researchers and a financially worthwhile project for the Society, but we need your help. Mr. Watkins has graciously accepted to continue his research on this project but cannot do the entire county alone. We need a few volunteers who would be willing to work with Mr. Watkins and learn what he is doing!

Jerry and Linda Boyer are working on a project also. As the idea has been tossed around about reprinting the *1885 History of Steuben County* , Jerry and Linda have undertaken the task of indexing each name from the original book. They could use some help.

Kay Lash has been working on a collection of newspaper articles published about the Old Settler's Society. The collection is in the reference room of the library and has been used already for research. Some of these articles have been published in previous issues of the SCGS Quarterly. The SCGS is looking at publishing them and an expanded necrology in one volume. We need people to "key" (type) the text into a computer. Nearly any PC format will work, and you need only do a chapter or two at a time.

No deadline has been set for the completion these projects, therefore, our volunteers may work at their own pace. If interested, and I hope some of you are, please contact Shirley Friel, Volunteer Coordinator, at 665-5720 for more information.

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From the Editor

Now that it is Fall, here is our Summer issue! If I can get the fall issue items in by November 1, I should be able to get the Fall issue out by December 1. That will put us on track for the Winter issue in mid January--Whew! Where did 1996 go??

Send in those Family Stories! They could be as long as the Wood-Brown story on page 14-17, or as simple as the Eddy story (p. 19) or the Hornabrooke story (p. 18). Bible records are also important to be Published--Where else are your lost relatives going to read about them. As the issues are published, the Allen County Public Library indexes them into the PERSI index and places a copy in the Genealogy Department there. Many hundreds of people then have access to your treasure.

There has been some confusion as to the membership terms of the SCGS. I have led astray some of you with my admonition to "Renew". Memberships run for 12 months beginning the month you join. The reminder to renew was a general reminder. From now on we will strive to include the date your membership expires near your address on the address page. If you have any questions, please feel free to write our Membership Chairman Shirley Friel.

Ripley Patterson

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NGS Consumer Protection Committee Update

Reprinted from the National Genealogical Society *NGS Newsletter,* September/October 1996

Dozens of NGS members have written to ask whether Halbert's is violating a US. Postal Service Cease and Desist Order by continuing to solicit orders for its World Book series. Others have asked about the meeting that representatives of the NGS Council and the NGS Consumer Protection Committee held with a delegation from Halberts, Inc. Here's an update!

On 21 November 1995 the US Postal Service and Halbert's signed a consent agreement under which Halbert's agreed to cease and desist from, among other things, falsely representing ". . . that (1) a solicitation for a surname related product was sent by a relative of the solicitee; (2) a relative of solicitee was involved in preparing a surname-related publication; or that (3) a relative of a solicitee endorses a surname-related product." The prohibitions of the 1988 cease and desist order were to remain in effect.

The Postal Service did not consult with NGS about whether its cease and desist order responded adequately to the complaints we made about Halbert's misleading advertising nor did the Postal Service inform NGS when the order was signed. We learned about it early in the new year when Halbert's initiated a new solicitation letter.

In January 1996, Halbert's ceased using letters signed by a so-called director when it solicited orders for its World Book; instead, the letters were signed by *Sharon Taylor* or *William Forman.* The letters were revised to eliminate the chummy, folksy language that formerly had suggested a relationship between the person who had supposedly directed the project and the addressee, both of whom had the same surname. The package included a revised order form with a disclaimer that "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended."

The issue is whether the US Postal Service is properly enforcing the 1988 cease and desist order by allowing Halbert's to continue to send letters that appear to violate it directly.

On 10-11 May 1996 representatives of Halbert's registered for the NGS conference in Nashville and attended the banquet during which Consumer Protection Chair Helen Hinchliff gave a talk entitled "Scams, Suckers, and Megabucks: the Shady, Shaky Side of Genealogy." Among other things she addressed the subject of Halbert's sale of phony coats of arms. The following morning NGS representatives met with a delegation from Halbert's, at the latter's request.

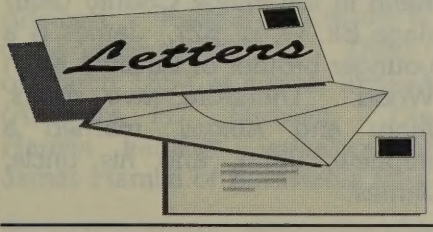
The purpose of the meeting from Halbert's point of view was to inform us that they were making efforts to publish materials that would be useful to genealogists. The purpose of the meeting from the NGS point of view was to discuss our continuing concerns with Halbert's products and advertising Mr. Ludwig A. Huck, Halbert's newly-appointed Vice Chairman and General Manager, chaired his delegation and Mr. Curt B. Witcher, then NGS First Vice President, and Manager of the Genealogical Library of Allen County (Fort Wayne), Indiana, chaired the NGS delegation.

Mr. Huck informed NGS that (1) Halbert's is considering dropping the promotion and sale of coats of arms, a practice that NGS has long shown as deceptive and false; (2) Halbert's has appointed an Advisory Board whose purpose is to provide advice on how to gain the approval of the genealogical community; (3) the firm has plans to bring out additional products; and (4) its representatives believe their products are useful for genealogists and they are proud of them.

The NGS delegation (1) expressed gratification that Halbert's is considering the elimination of coats of arms and gave additional examples of the falseness and deception involved in the promotion and sale of coats of arms for surnames, (2) held that Halbert's advertising materials continue to misrepresent and to mislead the public, and (3) argued that their products are not as useful to genealogists as they claim.

Mr. Witcher repeatedly asked, why, if Halbert's is proud of its products, do they not describe them accurately in their promotional materials. Mr. Huck invited NGS to provide detailed analyses of the ways in which its promotional materials mislead the public.

On 24 June 1996, the NGS Consumer Protection Committee prepared the first of several proposed analyses, showing line by line the many ways in which Halbert's new World Book Solicitation letter falsely represents the contents of the World Book and appears in several ways to violate the 1988 Consent Agreement We directed this analysis to Mr. Ludwig Huck and to the members of Halbert's Advisory Board. We sent a copy to Mr. Daniel Bryant, Consumer Protection Lawyer, U.S. Postal Service. In the same packages, we sent a compilation of 30 complaints and queries that NGS members and other interested parties had submitted to the Committee about the new solicitation letter. Since then over a dozen new complaints and queries have come in.



Please lighten the burden of the Committee

If you feel strongly that Halbert's letters are misleading and deceptive, you should be writing your letters to Mr. Huck, to the members of his Advisory Board, and to the Postal Service. Here are their addresses:

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lhuck@Halbert's.com

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Send a copy of your letter to

Mr. Daniel Bryant
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Washington DC, 20260

Future Meetings

Regular meetings of the **SCGS** are held on the third Monday of each month at the Angola Carnegie Public Library 322 South Wayne Street Angola, Indiana in the upstairs meeting rooms 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. ***You do not need to be a member to attend! The public is expressly invited to attend!***

October 21, 1996

Dawne Slater-Putt--Using Indiana Records. This will be a prosperous meeting with one of the areas finest genealogy experts.

November 18, 1996

Roger L. Lash--Getting the Most from Your Visit to the Cemetery Roger will share some of his secrets gleaned from his years of cavorting in the graveyards

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December 16, 1996

Trim your Family Tree--Share family traditions, Holiday and otherwise, including recipes, ornaments, heirlooms, etc.... ***Send your recipes for publication in our booklet. Send them to:***
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Annual Elections--Be Prepared to vote for your choice for the next year--**OR** volunteer yourself for one of the positions of responsibility.

A Brief History Of The Descendents Of

John Russel Wood And Mary Ann Brown

In Northeastern Indiana

By Roger L. Lash

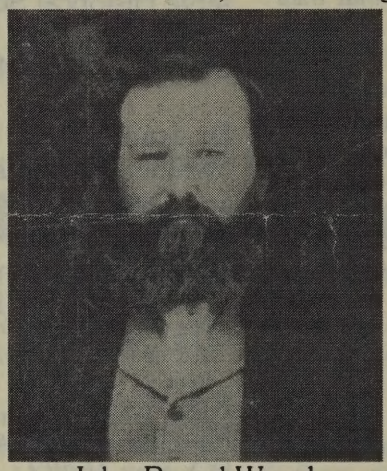
This family history will mainly concern itself with the descendants of John R. Wood and Mary Ann Brown through their son, Adelbert Randall Wood. This story will confine itself to those descendants who remained in northern Indiana for the majority of their lives. Recognizing the historic period in which these people lived, some of their immediate ancestors will be dealt with herein. At this time it is impossible to prove certain parts of this family's history. However, where assumptions and theories have been added for completeness, they are set off by brackets"[]". Sources are set off by parentheses"()".

John Russell Wood was born on the 17th of March 1832, in Bristol, Ontario County, New York. *(Dorothy L. Wilson, original unpublished genealogical research on Butlers and Bodleys and allied families)* He was the son of Randall Wood and Lucinda Keith. The date and place of Randall and Lucinda's marriage is unknown. Randall did, however, swear out an oath in Ontario County. He was commissioned a Captain in the 25th Regiment of Riflemen of the State of New York on 18 June 1831. *(Military Commission from the State of New York to Randall Wood, original in possession of Roger L. Lash)*

Randall Wood was born on the 06th of July 1802 *(Vermont Vital Records)* in Woodstock, Vermont. He was the son of Ezra and Lydia [probably Randall] Wood. Ezra Wood was born in Middleboro, Massachusetts on the 15th of April 1762 *(Massachusetts Vital Records 1986. Vol. I, p. 142)*. He was the son of Captain Nathaniel Wood and his second wife, Mary Windslow.

Lucinda Keith was born on the 16th of May 1809 [probably in Nelson, Madison County] New York *(Headstone inscription for Lucinda Wood, Riverside Cemetery, LaGrange Co., IN author's visit summer of 1982)* the daughter of Simeon Keith, born in 1782 [probably in Massachusetts] *(Headstone inscription for Simeon Keith, Riverside Cemetery, LaGrange Co., IN, author's visit summer of 1982)* and Hannah Taft was born in 1789 in Connecticut. *(1850 U.S. Census, LaGrange Co., IN, p. 84, family 1130, dwelling 1123, line 24; National Archives Microfilm)* Randall and Lucinda, as well as Simeon and Hannah, are buried in the Keith plot at Riverside Cemetery in Howe, LaGrange County, Indiana. Simeon died on the 20th of March 1843. Hannah died on the 29th of February 1856. Randall died on the 28th of December 1851. Lucinda died on the 05th of September 1870. Lucinda's estate record at the LaGrange County Court House *(Will Bk. B, p.339 and 473)* lists her son, John, as Administrator and her son, William W., as the only other heir.

Mary Ann Brown Wood
1834-1920



John Russel Wood
1832-1875

Mary Ann Brown was the youngest child of George Brown and Elizabeth Wright. Mary Ann was born on the 06th of March 1834 in Phelps, Ontario County, New York. *(Hamlin Genealogy, p. 767)*. George Brown was the only child of Phoebe Hamlin and Captain John Brown. He was raised in the household of his grandfather, Jabez Hamlin. The *Hamlin Genealogy* p. 422 lists his birth as occurring on the 08th of February 1786 in Sharon, Connecticut. According to his War of 1812 pension record, he married Elizabeth Wright on the 27th of March 1808 in Green River, Columbia County, New York. He farmed his grandfather Hamlin's farm at Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York [probably until the middle of the 1820's]. His uncle, Jabez Hamlin, then returned from where he had been living in Massachusetts to take over the farm. Between 1825 and 1828 George and Betsey moved to Ontario County, New York. *(Hamlin Genealogy, p. 423)*. A note in Mary Ann's handwriting dated 1894 states that George Brown and his family left Phelps, Ontario County, New York, and arrived in Greenfield Township, LaGrange County, Indiana in October of 1835.

All of George and Betsey's eleven children lived to adulthood, married and had children. The fifth child, Abigail Catherine Brown, married James Madison Keith in LaGrange County (Marriage Bk. O, p. 62). James is a younger brother of Lucinda Keith Wood. Therefore, two sisters, Mary and Abigail, married a nephew, John, and his uncle, James.

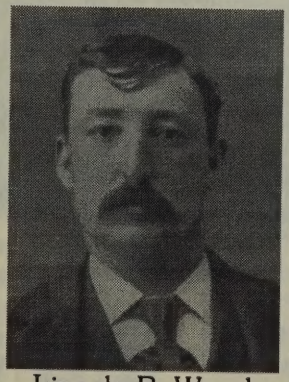
According to the Hamlin Genealogy, Elizabeth (Betsey) Wright was born on the 24th of October 1790. She was the daughter of John and Abigail (Saulsbury) Wright. The Pioneer Association of Steuben County collected a register of early settlers in which Betsey recorded her place of birth as Columbia [County], New York. *("The Pioneers" Steuben Republican 17 May 1893, p. 1, col. 2-3.)* Her 1880 Steuben County, Indiana Census lists her father's birthplace as Connecticut. Her mother's birthplace is listed as Rhode Island.

Adelbert Wood
1854-1921

George Brown's occupation listed in the Hamlin Genealogy is that of a carpenter and cabinetmaker. An obituary and Pioneer Association records published in the Steuben Republican 28 February 1906 mention that George Brown built the first frame house in Angola, Indiana during the summer of 1836.

George died on the 23rd of December 1844 in Salem Center, Steuben County, Indiana. He is buried in the cemetery at Flint, Jackson Township, Steuben County, Indiana. Betsey lived the last nineteen years of her life with her daughter, Mary Ann. She died on the 28th of October 1880, just four days after her ninetieth birthday. She was buried beside her husband at Flint.

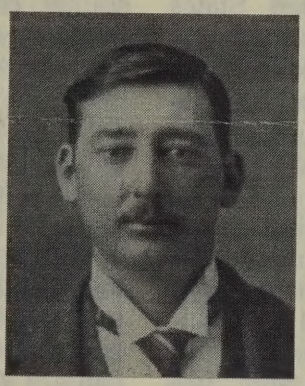
John Russell Wood and Mary Ann Brown were married on the 15th of March 1853 *(LaGrange Co. Marriage Bk. #2, p. 195)* at Lima, now Howe, Indiana. Their oldest son, Adelbert Randall, was born on the 23rd of March 1854 at Howe, Indiana *(Andrews, H. Franklin.* The Hamlin Family, Genealogy of James Hamlin of Barnstable Massachusetts, Eldest Son of James Hamlin the Immigrant, Who Came From London, England and Settled in Barnstable in 1639. *2 Vol. Exira, Iowa. 1901.)* Adelbert's daughter, Iva Wood, retold stories that she had heard as a child. One of them was about her grandfather's trip to the California gold fields. John went to California in about 1858. Iva recalled that her father was about four years old when John left. John carried with him a photograph of his wife and child, now in the possession of Eleanor Wood Lash. He was a scout for a wagon train and walked the entire trip, except one week, when he became ill and was allowed to ride. John's older brother, William W. Wood, and an uncle, Luther Keith, were already in the gold fields, where he joined in the search. Unfortunately, none of them found their fortune. William and Luther remained in California and died there in later years. The return trip for John was by sea. He traveled around Cape Horn to the eastern half of the United States. His treasure consisted of a conch shell and a gold nugget worth five dollars.



Lincoln R. Wood
1865-1934

According to family tradition, vital statistics, and obituaries, after his return home, three more children were born. Lincoln R. Wood was born on the 13th of December 1865, in Orland, Steuben County, Indiana. Uncle Link, as he was known, had a twin brother who died shortly after birth. The youngest son was William, born on the 08th of November 1870, in LaGrange County, Indiana. Of these sons only Adelbert and William have living descendants.John's health declined after his return home. He eventually became blind. Iva recalled that her father had called the disease the "blind staggers". [It is probable that he suffered from Sugar Diabetes.] John died on the 12th of August 1875. He was buried at Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County, Indiana.

Mary Ann cared for her young sons and her elderly mother at her home in Salem Township, Steuben County, Indiana. She was very active in the community and Presbyterian Church. According to Block Church history, Mary Ann's mother had been among its founders. In April of 1833 Mary Ann married Abraham Chenoweth *(Steuben County Marriage Records)*. He died in July of 1884 and was buried in the Block Church Cemetery. Family tradition maintains that Grandma Chenoweth, as she is always called, gave a section of her farm so the Block Church Cemetery could be enlarged.



William Wood
1870-1920

In the Spring of 1890, Mary Ann's older sister, Betsey Charlotte Stocker, left her home in Sac County, Iowa. She returned to Indiana to care for her daughter, Mary A. Carver,of Orland who was ill. After her daughter's death on the 18th of May 1890 (original obituary in the possession of Eleanor Wood Lash), Charlotte stayed in Indiana. According to her own obituary in the Steuben Republican, she "died at the home of her sister Mrs. Chenoweth" on the 12th of December, 1890. Where she was buried is not recorded. [I suspect she was buried in the Brown family plot at the Flint Cemetery.]

Iva Wood told several other stories about Grandma Chenoweth. In the 1890's a prominent Indiana lawyer was

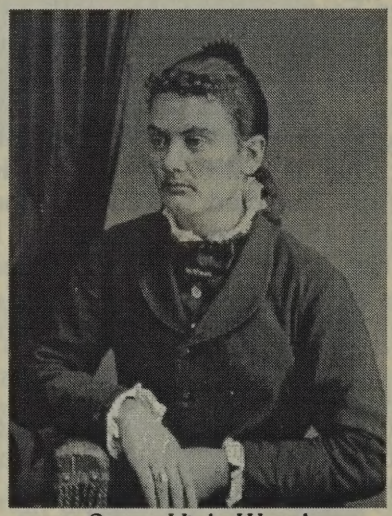
courting a local girl. Somehow she found out that they had planned to get married. On that day she organized a wedding reception at the bride's home. Grandma Chenoweth even baked the wedding cake. When they returned home after getting married, both bride and groom were completely surprised and touched by the party that awaited them. The groom, so the story goes, told Grandma Chenoweth that if she ever needed anything, just let him know. The newlyweds that day were Thomas R. and Lois Kinsey Marshall. He was later Governor of Indiana and Vice-President of the United States under Woodrow Wilson.

Iva Wood
1896-1976

Grandma Chenoweth was active in the Old Settlers' Association. She was instrumental in saving many of the documents which made this history possible. She corresponded voluminously with siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews across the United States. She also corresponded with H.F. Andrews, the compiler of the *Hamlin Genealogy*, and was thanked in his book for her "valuable assistance in compiling this branch of the family record".

She lived out her last years in the home of her second son, Lincoln Russell Wood. In Viola Wood's diary is an account of her last days. Mary Ann's grandson, Hugh Wood, stayed with her all night on the 05th of April 1920. She lingered until 8 p.m. on the 06th of April and died at age 86. Her funeral was on the 09th of April. She was buried beside her first husband at Flint Cemetery.

Adelbert Randall Wood's early childhood was spent in Howe, LaGrange County. He moved with his parents to Salem Township, Steuben County, about 1871 *(Obituary for "Adelbert R. Wood." Steuben Republican, July 1921. Original in possession of Eleanor Lash (1988))*. Little is known about his early life around Howe. He was married on the 18th of September 1881 *(Steuben Co. Marriage Records, Bk. #4, P 142)* to Susan Viola Ousterhout. She was the daughter of John Newton Ousterhout and Sarah Haines Ousterhout. To Dell and Viola five children were born in Steuben County: Lena A. was born on the 18th of October 1883 and died on the 26th of January 1972, same county. John Russell was born on the 10th of April 1889 and died on the 08th of August 1974, same county. An infant son was born on the 03rd of December 1891 and died the same day. Iva Elizabeth was born on the 19th of October 1892 and died on the 29th of September 1976, same county. Hugh Adelbert was born on the 04th of February 1898 and died on the 22nd of September 1977, Saginaw County, Michigan *(Andrews, p.1157)*.


Susan Viola Wood
1855-1927

Hugh A. Wood told a story about his father and a horse. Hugh owned a driving horse as a young man that was nearly wild. Whenever he went near the horse to water it or hitch it to the buggy, it would rear up and snort and was generally uncontrollable. When Hugh was working at the neighbor's, Dell would go out to water this horse. Dell was not a well man. He suffered with rheumatism and arthritis and walked with the aid of a cane. As he slowly hobbled out to get the horse, it would remain calm and obedient. It would slowly follow him to the water trough as if it suffered from Adelbert's crippling diseases.

Viola is remembered by her children and neighbors as a bit of a practical joker. Family tradition holds that she was a singer in the Block Church choir and served as a community midwife. Dell and Viola lived near the church. Their house was just east of the Block Church Cemetery. Iva Wood recalled that the house she grew up in burned down during a drought in the summer of 1908. The wooden shingle roof was ignited by sparks from the cookstove. The house was rebuilt one the same spot and is nearly identical to the original. The family moved into the local schoolhouse until the new house was finished. There their daughter, Lena, met Frank Spurgeon, whom she married on the 12th of October 1908. They lived on a farm a short distance from Dell and Viola on Co. Rd. 750 W in Jackson Township. On that farm Lena and Frank's four children were born. Albert Randall Spurgeon was born on the 02nd of February 1911. He married Harriett V. Weihmiller on the 20th of April 1947. They have four children: Mindy, Brian, Kevin and Renee. The second son (Del) Russell was born on the 28th of January 1913. He married on the 24th of November 1949 Marjorie Forbes, and they have on son, Richard (adopted). The third child, Eva Irene, was born on the 28th of September 1914. She married Elton Larch on the 02nd of October 1932. She died on the 04th of December 1968. They had one daughter, Virginia Rose Kaufman, who lives in New York City. The youngest child was Rose

Elizabeth, who was born on the 29th of June 1918. She married Gordon Smith on the 26th of December 1942. Rose died on the 30th of April 1959. They had one son, Stanley Smith *(Marjorie Spurgeon to Eleanor Lash 20 March 1977. Original in the possession of Eleanor Lash [1988].).*

The early life of John Russell Wood, commonly called Rut, is borrowed from a brief history of his life written by his daughter, Eleanor. His early life was spent in Steuben County working on the family farm and for neighbors. At age 21 he went to Iowa to work with threshing crews. This took him from North Dakota to Arkansas. He was drafted from the State of Iowa. He was in the service for about one year, being discharged in 1918. He returned to Salem Center and went to work as a blacksmith for Al Shafer in Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

By 1922 he was married and self-employed as a blacksmith in Salem Center. There his daughter, Eleanor Viola, was born on the 06th of August 1922. After a time he closed this shop and went to Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana to work on the railroad. By 1923 they had moved to Angola where he worked for Patterson's Blacksmith's Shop. In 1924 he purchased John A. Slemon's blacksmith shop in Mongo, LaGrange County, Indiana. There, on the 15th of December 1927, his youngest child, Hugh Adelbert, was born. He operated this business until it was destroyed by fire in September of 1939.

After the loss of this business, he went to work at the Portland Cement Plant at Stroh, Indiana. This company transferred him to another plant in Fairfield, Ohio in 1941. After working there a year, he was hired as a millwright at Patterson Field Air Force Base. At the end of the war jobs held by civilians were being reassigned to returning veterans.

In 1945 John's Aunt Alta Ousterhout Green died at her home in Angola. She had inherited the Ousterhout family farm in Jackson Township from her brother, Ralph. To settle her estate the farm was sold at auction, and John bought it. He raised the money by selling the property he owned in LaGrange County. This consisted of a 47 acre farm north of Mongo, a 37 acre pasture west of Mongo, and the family home in Mongo.

I have borrowed my information on Margaret Agnes Kelly from a brief biography written by her daughter, Eleanor. Margaret was born in Pittsburgh, Alleghany County, Pennsylvania. Her baptismal record from St. Mary of the Mount Church in Pittsburgh lists her birthdate as the 08th of August 1897. She was the daughter of Thomas Kelly, an Irish immigrant, born in Dennygal, County Mayo, Ireland. Margaret's mother was Mary Ann McCormick. Mary Ann herself was the granddaughter of an Irish immigrant, Patrick Hen(n)esy. Margaret was the fourth child, the others being: Peter, Mary, Thomas, and an infant named John. John died at birth along with the mother in 1900. Margaret, Mary, and Thomas were placed in an orphanage. Peter, the oldest, disappeared. In the 1950's Margaret's sister, Mary, and a cousin called Aunt Kate told her that Peter probably had been taken to Ireland by their father. At age 13 she worked in a bakery. By age 18 she was a supervisor for the telephone company. At this time she met Iva Wood, and they roomed together for some time. She and Iva came to Indiana in 1920 for a vacation. Here John and Margaret met. After returning to her job in Pittsburgh for the Summer, she returned to Indiana to marry Rut on the 28th of December 1920.

According to stories told by Margaret herself, she had been a swimmer in an aquatic show in Pittsburgh. After the family moved to Mongo, Margaret went to the mill pond to inspect its suitability for swimming. She then dived in the pond to inspect further. The gravel bottom was perfect for swimming. However, no one ever swam there. When she first went swimming in the mill pond, many thought she was crazy. Slowly, one by one, children in Mongo followed her to the pond for swimming lessons. She taught nearly everyone in Mongo how to swim. She spent the war years working as an instructor of electric motor repair at Patterson Field. During this period both of her children were married. First, Eleanor married Otis Lash on the 14th of August 1943 in Angola, Indiana. They had five children: Leroy, Richard, Adele, Norman, and Roger. Later Hugh married Mary Church on the 27th of October 1945 in Covington, Kentucky. They had six children: Michael, Beverly, John, David, Laura, and Mary.

After the war Margaret and Rut moved to the farm in Steuben County. The period on the farm provided the younger generation of this family with the stories in this history. They continued to farm until Rut's death on the 08th of August 1974. Margaret lived less than one year after Rut's death, dying on the 26th of June 1975.

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Family Bible

of Henry and Mary (Leopard/Leppard) Musser

This Bible is in the possession of Susan Musser Minch of Perrysburg, Ohio. The Bible's type is in German.

"**Mary Musser** her testament was bought in the year one thousan eight hundre and twenty eight"

There are 4 entries in German and I have been unable to have translated at this time.

"**William Musser** was born the 17 of February in the year 1839
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David Musser was born September 13th in the year 1852"

Calling all Bibles!

Several weeks ago Larry Bassett of Wayside Furniture in Angola told the Herald Republican the story of a stray Bible in his Grandfather's possession. It wasn't his family but he held onto it for many years. It was the family record of Elias Doudt dating back to 1855. At the 110th Doudt family reunion in July the direct descendants of Elias Doudt decided to donate the Bible to the Steuben County, Genealogical Society for research by future heirs.

Our first and most treasured Bible. We would be proud if others located old Bibles (from family, at antique stores, or garage sales) and donated the Bibles to the Steuben County Genealogical Society. What a heritage we would preserve.

Patricia Harrington
Doudt Family

Family Bible

of Albert and Mary Leona (DeGaugh) Everitt

This Bible is in the possession of Susan Musser Minch of Perrysburg, Ohio

PARENTS

Husband: **Albert Everitt**
Born: Otsego, Steuben Co., Ind Sept 14 1874
Wife: **Mary Leona DeGaugh**
Born: Haring, Wexford Co., Mich July 20, 1881
Married: at Angola, Indiana Nov 10th, 1897

CHILDREN'S NAMES

Arden DeVere Everitt born at Otsego, Steuben Co., Ind., May 28, 1899
Paul Elias Everitt was born at Otsego, Steuben Co., Ind., Aug 8th, 1905
Orpheus Franklin Everitt was born at Otsego, Steuben Co., Ind., May 15, 1911
Evelyn Alberta Everitt was born at Otsego, Steuben Co., Ind. Jan 3, 1917

DEATHS

Albert Everitt died Aug 28, 1934
Arden Edward died July 4th 1962
Orpheus Franklin Everitt died March 25, 1970
Paul Elias Everitt died June 15, 1974
Mary Leona Everitt died February 20, 1971

Editor's Note:

The Elias Doudt Bible is available for perusal in the Angola Carnegie Public Library in the Genealogy Department in the upstairs Reference Room. Please ask the librarian for assistance.

The John Hornabrooke Family

An English Legacy

The John Hornbrooke legacy can be traced as far back as 1658 to Tavistock England, a little town 15 miles north of Plymouth, on the Tavy River. Saunders Hornbrook, who was John Hornabrooke's Gr. Gr. grandson of the patriarch John Hornabrooke in Tavistock, a non conformist Presbyterian was a successful businessman in Tavistock. Saunders was in the woolen and manufacturing trades. Saunders was trying to persuade capitalists from London to back his project to clad ships with iron. One skeptic in the group picked up an iron pot from the foundry, carried it down to the Tavy river and placed it in the water--it promptly sank! He cried out "There Mr. Hornbrook! That puts an end to your theory".

It was forty years later that the first iron clad vessel sailed into Liverpool Harbor England. Saunders Hornbrook, a man of vision, was just ahead of his time.

Submitted by **Sara Hornbrook Smith**, Fremont, Indiana 1995

Credits to: Thomas Lloyd Bush and Louise Hornbrook Bush authors of *Times of the Hornbrooks*

For further information on the Hornbrooks the books can be found in the Carnegie Library in Angola, Indiana and the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Titles, *The Hornbrooks of Indiana*; June Vore Phillips: *Times of the Hornbrooks*; Thomas Lloyd Bush: *Ancestors and Descendants of Some Early Settlers of Evansville, Indiana*; Ralph T. Kleymeyer, Jr., *Steuben County surnames: Hornbrook, Osborne, Finicle.*

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SUSAN MUSSER MINCH, 9545 Millcroft Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551. Seeking the parents of and/or siblings of Benjamin Franklin DeGaugh. He was b in Huron Co., OH 3 Jan 1852 and d 10 July 1920 in Steuben Co., IN. In 1855 he came with his parents to Steuben Co., by 1864 he was an orphan and living with his sister, Mrs. Oliver Dunham. Possibly Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Dunham.

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NORENE KELLER, 3525 S 600 W, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779. Seeking info. on John and Mary Mercer, parents of Hiram Wesley Mercer, b. 28 Oct 1850 OH, d. 14 Feb 1921.

NORENE KELLER, 3525 S 600 W, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779. Looking for family Bible donated to Alverado Church (near Metz, IN) by Arilla Keller. Names in Bible are Keller, maybe Emmerling. Owner of Bible: Isa Etta Keller.

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A Free membership will be awarded to one of our "out of the area" members during our December meeting as a Christmas gift. Those eligible are members who do not live in Steuben County or a contiguous county (touching ours). Also, as a "birthday" gift a membership will be awarded to a member present at our February election meeting. So...BE THERE.

Willard Eddy
Enterprising Pioneer

The following account of Willard Eddy was given to Betty (Fee) Simpson by Lura Eddy of Hamilton, Indiana. Moses and Gratia (Eddy) Fee were the great grandparents of Betty Simpson.

Willard Eddy, Sr. (1802-1893) was born in Guilford, Vermont on August 10, 1802, the son of Joel and Olive Lyne Eddy. He spent his early life at Guilford, Vermont. On July 24, 1829, he married Mahala Andrews. Two daughters were born to this union, Gratia and Betsy. Their births were never recorded.

Willard Eddy and family left Vermont in 1835 and moved westward to Portsmouth, Ohio where they spent the winter of 1835-36 with her parents. The marriage failed and Willard and the oldest daughter, Gratia, left Portsmouth in the Spring of 1836. Willard and Gratia walked and followed a glazed path through the densely wooded countryside to Troy Township, Dekalb County, Indiana. He settled three miles east of Enterprise which was named by Dr. Samuel Tuttle in 1836. The name Enterprise was changed to Hamilton in 1838 by Sidney Gambara. The name was changed to create a new image after a Cholera outbreak. Dr. Samuel Tuttle was the first postmaster and Amos Stantcliff was the first school teacher. John Fee, the first settler, arrived March 13, 1835.

No one knows why Willard came to this area, but the Houlton and the Aldrich families had settled in this area ahead of Willard. He had known both families in Vermont and possibly this was the reason for coming to this area. He settled on the west side of Troy Township. The house was only a few feet from the township line.

Bellefountaine Road, now known as County Road 4A, passed by on the south side of the house. Bellefountaine Road has been valuable for moving people and farm produce across the north part of DeKalb County. It was probably an Indian trail before white men came. The road bed has been drained and the road has been black topped, but there has been very little done to straighten or level the road. It is no different in that respect than it was when Indians traveled it centuries ago.

About 1840, a covered wagon going west stopped along the Willard Eddy farm. A little girl was sick and she died while they were stopped there. They asked Willard Eddy for permission to bury the little girl on his property. This was the first grave in what is now Eddy Cemetery, three miles east of Hamilton.

After arriving in Indiana, Willard Eddy married Diantha Wilcox. On August 3, 1845, a son, Willard Jr. (1845-1935) was born.

Willard Eddy was an early and possibly the first Constable of Troy Township, the exact year he was appointed was unknown, but there are papers to show that he was Constable of Troy Township, DeKalb County, in 1855-56-57.

Gratia Eddy, the daughter that came to Indiana with Willard, married Moses Fee on November 17, 1847. In the 1850 Census, Moses Fee was 23 years old, a laborer living in Franklin Township, DeKalb County. Gratia, his wife, was 20 years old, born in Vermont. A son, Richard, was listed as one year old, born in Indiana.

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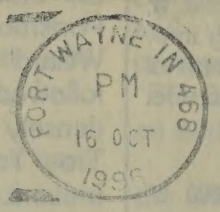

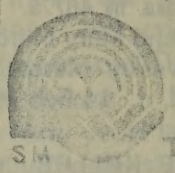

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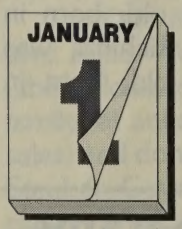

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Keep a record of the proceedings. Correspond.

Treasurer
Oversee all income and expenditures of the society.

Director of Publications
Be responsible for the publication of the quarterly and other society publications.

Standing Board--Appointed by the President

Membership Chairman
Recruit members, keep records, and organize volunteers.

Program Chairman
Be responsible for contents of monthly meetings.

Publicity Chairman
Be a special liaison to the community at large.

Historian (elected)
Maintain and preserve records.

Please send a note to the Society at the address marked Attn: Nominating Committee notifying them of your desire to help out. Or nominate someone you think would do a good job. Please do so before January 15th. Or call the Membership Chairman, Shirley Phillips Friel.

The SCGS depends on your membership dues for programs and publication of the SCGS Quarterly

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From the Editor

Another SCGS year is drawing to a close. I can't believe it's been two years since that first meeting with Mrs. Kaiser from the IGS. We've done a lot but there's so much to do. We have two projects in the works for publication--*The 1885 History of Steuben County* and the Old Settlers Society articles. If you wish to help on either project (helps if you have a computer) contact the Membership Chairman, Shirley Phillips Friel.

I also need to apologize to our President-Roger L. Lash. Last issue I reported that he was going to share knowledge gained while cavorting in cemeteries. He informed me that while he may have done a lot of things in a cemetery, he has never cavorted. We'll be sorry to lose him as our president but we're not letting him go too far away. Perhaps our new president will form a "Special Projects" Committee for him?? I hope you will enjoy this issue and be looking for the next one around Feb. 1. Get your queries in soon.

Thanks

Ripley Patterson

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YORK CHURCH HISTORY

Editors note: Although this article does not read chronologically, we thought it would be a worthwhile source for genealogists and historians alike. It appears to be a history compiled in 1960 (see end) and added to since (list of pastors). There appears to be a newspaper article inserted in the middle. The article was submitted by Betty Fee Simpson who obtained it from an unnamed source.

The Pioneers first came to the vicinity of York, Indiana in May of 1836. They were George Johnson, the grandfather of Edith Petty, Royal B. Hix, the grandfather of the late Mrs. Myrta Kilburn, and Martin Eldrige, who located on land now known as the Roy Cope place. Some time later, Henry, David, and Park Hathaway came and settled on land west and north of what is now called York. The place was given the name Hathaway's Corners. It remained so until a post office was set up. Then it went by York Center until the government shortened it to York. In 1840, the settlers started classes in the homes to study the Bible. In 1850, they organized the first church. In 1853, they erected a meeting house in about the same place the present building stands. According to the obituary of Emma S. Johnson Knisley, she and her husband, John B. Knisley, assisted in the erection of this building, and after it burned, contributed largely to the building of the brick church. They named the building the York Methodist Church.

J.C. Ambrose was the first minister on record serving in 1884. J.N. McCurdy was the next minister on record, serving in 1887. On December 24, 1889, the frame building burned during a Christmas Program. In 1891, the present building was erected under the leadership of Lewis Reeves. Before the dedication took place, another pastor took up the work. U.A. Foster was the minister at the time of the dedication in 1893. R.C. Jones, in 1894-95 and A.A. Stockdale, in 1897, were pastors of the circuit charge which seemed to include Fremont, York, Powers, Jones, and Ray. In 1899, the conference appointed H.G. Porter to supply York. The following ministers served full or part time. A.D. Wagoner 1900, P.H. Walters 1902, C.B. Sweeny 1904, R.S. Reed 1905, R.E. Gornail 1906, A.D. Burkit 1906, C.G. Nelson 1907, LW. Kemper 1908, Alda Gillian 1911, H.E. Elliot, J. Elson 1914, Wm. Hardy 1917, Fred Brewster 1919, A.E. Burk 1921, H. McMuray 1923, R. Buckmaster 1924, H.H. McMurtrey 1927, R. Buckmaster 1929, L.E. Clayton 1931, E. Haycox 1934, A.A.

Turner 1936, C.D. Pyles 1939, L.E. Clayton 1941, J. McMath 1942, D. Hamilton 1943, A.A. Turner 1944, D. Ferris 1946, W.B. Fallis 1947, Mark Rader 1951, E.A. Frank 1953, Guy Jeffers 1953-1963, Kenneth Fast 1965, Wayne Davis 1966-1968, Carl Wirey 1969, Kenneth Brown 1970-1974, Jack Thompson 1974-1976, ? Underwood (every 3rd Monday) 1976, Jack Rhodes 1976-1978, Sed Pitzer (1978-1980, Max Smith 1980-1982, Jas. Rhine 1982 - .

Prayers Answered At York United Methodist Church

A small but determined and dedicated congregation at the York United Methodist Church will see the answer to their prayers and the fruits of their labor realized at the dedication ceremonies of the new sanctuary on Sunday, May 6, 1973 at 2:30 p.m. The old Church building was destroyed by fire on July 2, 1970, when a bolt of lightning struck the belfry and destroyed the sanctuary. The classroom portion constructed in the middle sixties were saved. The original Church was founded in 1840 at what was known as "Hathaway Corners". In 1850 a church was fully organized, and in 1853, a meeting house was erected. This building was destroyed by fire on December 24, 1890. The brick structure was erected and destroyed in the 1970 fire. The classroom portion was dedicated on September 17, 1967, with Dr. Virgil V. Bjork and Rev. L. Earl Clayton as guest speakers. Rev. Wayne Davis was pastor at the time. After the 1970 fire, the congregation began making plans to rebuild the church, and in the fall of 1972, construction was begun. On Sunday May 6, 1973, the new 32 ft. by 48 ft. sanctuary was dedicated with Rev. A. Hunter Colpitts, Superintendent of the Ft. Wayne District of United Methodist Churches as guest speaker. Sunday School will be held at 9:30 a.m. with morning worship services at 10:45 a.m. A potluck will be served at 12:30 p.m. Dedication services will be in the afternoon. A special program of music is planned. Rev. Kenneth Brown of Garrett, IN is pastor of the church. The congregation extends a welcome to all area people and former residents to attend. In 1970, Rev. Wayne Davis wrote: The Church Still Stands Upon The Hill. This was the prayers of the congregation that day in July. A portion of the prayer follows: Oh Father, on this day, let not the new portion of our Church be taken away. Save it for us, Father, and we can survive. For as You know, Lord, here at York, We have not competed our work. So, Father, You know best. If it be Your will, Lord, let Satan remove the sanctuary, but please, Lord, save the rest. Thus prayers and hard work has made it possible for the Church to continue serving the community.

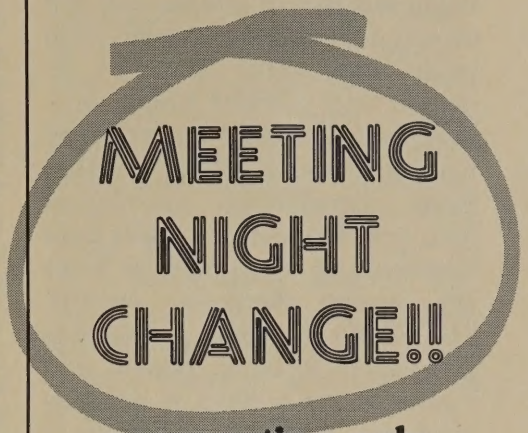
In May, 1942, it seemed advisable to sell the parsonage which had been purchased by the York Methodist Church. Some of the proceeds were used to purchase the furnace and other furnishings for the church building. Since May 11, 1891, when the trustees met to take action for the building of the York Methodist Church, the following officers were: President-Robert McElroy, Secretary-John B. Knisley, Treasurer-E.A. Taylor. The Church has been open, except for a brief period, to spread it's influence for God and righteousness in the York Community. Today the forward look for the York Methodist Church is bright.

Prepared by the committee on history for the York Methodist Church in 1960.

Mrs. Russell Ireland, Sec.
Mrs. Ada Court
Mrs. Purnell Carpenter
Rev. Guy Jeffers, Pastor

Future Meetings

Regular meetings of the **SCGS** are held on the third Monday of each month at the Angola Carnegie Public Library 322 South Wayne Street Angola, Indiana in the upstairs meeting rooms 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. ***You do not need to be a member to attend! The public is expressly invited to attend!***



one meeting only.

Wednesday January 8

Bring your Shoebox

Bring your Genealogical work to show off if you have progressed that far or to ask for help if you need it!

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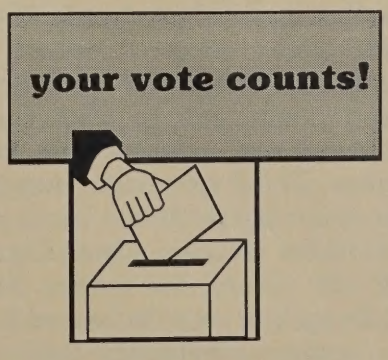
Monday February 16

Annual Elections--

Be Prepared to vote for your choice for the next year--OR volunteer yourself for one of the positions of responsibility.



Hunting for Hoosiers:
Indiana Research

by Dawne Slater-Putt CG, President, Heritage Pathways, Inc.

Introduction

lthough genealogical research in any state can be challenging, those doing research in Indiana will find several advantages not available in many other areas. Indiana's recorded vital statistics began relatively early and are as complete as can be expected. Some counties have experienced courthouse fires, but often not all records were destroyed by these fires or there are existing alternative records. The Works Progress Administration indices to births, deaths, and marriages for Indiana is unparalleled, and the Index of Names of Persons and of Firms series is another important source unequaled elsewhere. Indiana has strong genealogical collections within its borders, and access to records generally is not as tightly restricted as in many other states.

Sources

Births & Deaths - Indiana state law required the recording of births and deaths beginning in 1882. In very few cases will any county's birth or death records predate this. In fact, compliance with the law in early years was somewhat less than notable in certain areas. No statewide indexes exist for births and deaths in Indiana, however the Works Progress Administration in the late 1930s and early 1940s compiled a series of indexes by county to Indiana birth, marriage, and death records. Not every county was indexed, but most were. These generally cover the period 1882-1920. They are available at the Allen County Public Library, the Indiana State Library, and on an individual basis in county seat libraries. Published birth and death record indexes for the period after 1920 are rare.

Original record books for births and deaths generally are held at the county courthouse or another government building in the county seat. After October 1907 for births and January 1900 for deaths, a second copy of the official record also is at the Indiana State Department of Health in Indianapolis. Access to birth and death records varies at the county level. In some cases researchers may peruse the record books themselves and make copies; in others, staff will make searches through the records for researchers; but in some cases, researchers must make application for the record using the exact name and date - no searches are performed if the exact name and date is not known. Fees for copies of records vary from county to county. Some counties may offer a non-certified or "genealogy" copy of the record. The State Department of Health will search its death records for a period of five years for one county, or in five counties for a particular date for the $4 record fee. However, access sometimes is denied by this agency if the researcher's relationship to the person whose record is sought is considered too distant, even if the purpose for requesting the record is stated as "genealogy" on the form. The forms for requesting birth and death records from the State Department of Health are reproduced in the *International Vital Records Handbook*, listed in the bibliography, and may be photocopied.

Marriages - Marriage records generally date back to the beginning of the county. Marriage *applications*, which give substantially more information than the marriage certificate, begin circa the turn of the century. County indexes (many compiled by the WPA) exist for most counties from the earliest marriages to a period after the turn of the 20th century. A statewide index for pre-1850 marriages is available in card file format at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis. A statewide published marriage index is available by year for 1958-1964. The State Board of Health also maintains an index to marriages for 1958 to the present, although it has not been published. Marriage records generally are in the clerk's office or a similar government office in the county courthouse or other governmental building. Access to marriage records usually is less restricted than to birth and death records. Fees for copies of marriage records vary from county to county. Courthouse addresses for writing for copies of vital or other records can be located in the *Handybook for Genealogists*, listed in the bibliography. Telephone numbers also are included so that the researcher can inquire about fees, application forms, etc.

Deeds - Deeds generally begin with the advent of the county. They usually can be found in the recorder's office at the county courthouse, unless they have been transferred to another location for storage. Access generally is good. Grantee and grantor indices usually exist within each volume, at the front or back of the book. Published deed indexes and/or abstracts may be available. Deeds are important and often under utilized! They may include any or all of the following: previous place of residence, current place of residence, seller's wife's first name (helpful in distinguishing between men of the

same name), date, land description, sometimes history of land ownership ("bequeathed to grantor by his father, John Brown, deceased"), list of an individual's heirs (in the case of a partition), relationships, transfer of non-real estate property, etc.

Wills & Probate Records - Wills and probate records generally begin at or shortly after the formation of the county. They usually can be found in the probate court of the county courthouse. Access generally is unrestricted. A statewide will index exists for pre-1880. The multivolume set is alphabetical by surname and includes the county where the will was recorded, the year, and the will book and page number. Published indexes and/or abstracts to wills and probate records are available for some counties. Will books in the courthouse sometimes include an index, although generally only the name of the deceased is indexed, not heirs, executors, or other individuals that may be named. Probate records for individuals who died intestate generally do not include indexes as a part of the record although, as mentioned above, a published index may have been compiled by a local society or individual.

Naturalizations - Existence varies. Some county genealogical societies and individuals have published indexes to naturalization records. Pre-1906 naturalizations could take place at all levels of court. Individuals generally went to their local (or the closest) county courthouse to be naturalized. Check the 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses for dates of immigration and naturalization status. Where was the person living at that time or where did he settle for a substantial period of time? Although these records usually are held at the respective courthouses, occasionally they have been transferred to another facility. Allen County's were sent to the Indiana State Library & Archives for microfilming several years ago and have not been returned. Post-1906, naturalizations took place through federal courts, so check the nearest federal court.

Court Records - Court records are usually housed at the county courthouse or government building. Indexes to court records (as opposed to naturalizations, probates, etc.) are rare. When they do exist, generally they include only the major parties in the court action. The importance of court records varies greatly. Some can be quite important genealogically, such as bastardy bonds, divorce records, in which all the heirs of a certain individual are named, etc. Others are very mundane.

Cemeteries - Locator sources for cemeteries include Burek's incomplete but useful *Cemeteries of the U.S.*, listed in the bibliography; old atlases and plat maps that show locations of cemeteries; township trustees' offices and other "people" sources, such as local library employees, county historians and genealogical societies; and transcription books. Transcriptions of cemeteries often are held at the local or county seat library, published by individuals or county genealogical societies. Official records of a cemetery are at the cemetery office, if one exists. If not, they may be held by local historical body or the township trustee's office. In Indiana, the township trustee has the responsibility for the maintenance of the public and abandoned cemeteries within his or her township.

Census Schedules - Federal population schedules for Indiana are available for 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920. Name head of household only for 1820-1840. Head of household indexes or soundexes exist for 1820-1850, 1900 & 1920. An everyname index is available on microfiche for 1860. An index of those 18 and older is in progress for 1870. A soundex for households with children younger than 10 exists for 1880. No statewide index of any kind exists for 1910, although indexes have been compiled for a handful of counties. The 1807 Indiana Territorial Census listed heads of households only. It has been reproduced in book form. No name-specific state censuses exist for Indiana. Other census schedules include agricul tural and manufacturing schedules, which the Allen County Public Library has for Indiana only, and mortality schedules. These latter were taken in 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880. These include name, cause of death, age, month of death, place of death and more information. An index to Indiana mortality schedule exists in book form.

Newspapers - The survival of early Indiana newspapers is good. They generally are available at the local or county seat library. In some cases, a nearby university library may have copies. The Indiana State Library and Archives in Indianapolis is the newspaper collecting facility for the state of Indiana. The Allen County Public Library does not generally collect newspapers. It has only the Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Huntington, and a few other select papers. In some rare cases, such as in Rush County, the newspapers are not available at the county seat library, so it is wise to telephone and ask before making a trip to the county. Access to newspapers is through visiting the county or Indiana State Library, or by requesting papers on microfilm via interlibrary loan. Ask at your local library's reference desk about the interlibrary loan procedure. The out-of-date, but still useful *Indiana Newspaper Bibliography*, listed in the bibliography, tells what newspapers were known to have survived as of the date of publication of the bibliography, and where they were available at

that time. Few everyname indexes to newspapers have been compiled, although many county seat libraries maintain some sort of obituary index. These may be in computer printout or card file format and often are available only at that library. Newspaper and obituary excerpts are often published in the periodicals of genealogical and historical societies. Consult the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) for listings of these.

Funeral Home Records - Check the *Yellow Book of Funeral Directors*, listed in the bibliography, for the name, address and telephone number of existing funeral homes in the targeted town. Records may no longer exist for funeral homes that no longer exist, since they were private business records, but some may have been published or donated to a local historical archives.

City Directories - A collection of city directories through the year 1935 for larger cities is on microfilm at Allen County Public Library. Since 1966, ACPL has been the recipient of one copy of every city directory Polk Directory company has had remaindered at the end of the year. Some scattered directories are available between these two substantial collections, but their existence varies from city to city. City directories often are available at the local or county seat library. The Indiana State Library also maintains a good collection of directories for the state of Indiana.

Military Records - For the American Revolution pension and bounty land files for the men who served during the American Revolution are available in their entirety on microfilm at the Allen County Public Library and are arranged alphabetically by name. A series of books names soldiers who were buried in Indiana. For the Mexican War, an index to soldiers is on microfilm at ACPL. The actual records are available from National Archives in Washington, D.C. Indexes to compiled service records and pensions for the Civil War are on microfilm at ACPL. Again, the actual records are available only by submitting an application to the National Archives. The published Adjutant General's report (multi-volume set) for the Civil War gives minimal information. Soldiers' diaries and/or regimental histories are available for some units. Records for the War with Spain mirror those of the Civil War. An index is available on microfilm, the records can be requested from the National Archives, and the published Adjutant General's report is very similar to that of the Civil War. World War I draft registration cards have been filmed and can be viewed at some National Archives branches and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Records, if they exist, are available through the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO, although that facility experienced a fire in the 1970s that destroyed more than a majority of the U.S. Army records. World War II records, if they exist, are at the National Personnel Records Center. Some published regimental histories exist. Clippings about Allen County-area soldiers have been indexed and a database of 7,000+ citations created. This will be available shortly at the Allen County Public Library. Korean War and Vietnam War records, if they exist, are available at the National Personnel Records Center. Published lists of Southeast Asia casualties and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial names are available.

County Histories - Many county histories and biographical "mug books" were published just before and after the turn of the century. These do not include all residents of the county, but are a great source. Recently there has been a resurgence of mug books published by Turner Publishing Co. of Paducah, Kentucky. Daviess, Howard and Wells Counties have had them done, among others. The researcher should keep in mind that while county history biographies contain excellent clues, all information should be checked with original sources, since the biographies contain many errors. *The Index of Persons and of Firms* series, unique to Indiana, is a set of everyname indexes to county histories listed in the front of each book. Most of these were compiled by the WPA. Virtually every county has one. If the county is unknown, the *Indiana Biographical Index* on microfilm is an alphabetical index of the individuals who were featured in biographies in county histories. This latter is not an everyname index, but helpful if someone in the family was featured as the subject of a biography.

Maps & Atlases - Between 1876 and 1878, most Indiana counties had a combination atlas-plat book published. These show fantastic detail of land ownership, cemetery, church and school locations, etc. The availability of other maps and atlases varies. Check the local or county seat library and the county courthouse offices.

Church Records - Church records include membership lists, baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials, among others. These usually are retained by the church, if it is still in existence. Sometimes they have been transferred to another church of the same denomination when the target church closed. Other times they may have been transferred to a regional, state or national denominational archives. See John Beatty's *Research in Indiana* in the bibliography for a list of these archives for Indiana.

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A Winter Journey

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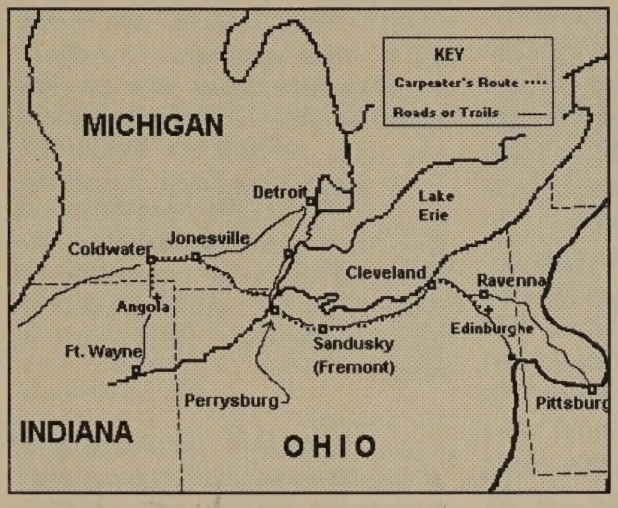
Samuel Carpenter *(1799-1863)*, his wife **Roxana** *(1799-1877)*, and their children **Oreson C.** *(1821-1869)*, **James N.** *(1824-1886)*, **Harriet N.** *(1827-1913)*, **Urial** *(1831-1914)*, **Sarah M.** *(1833-1899)*, **Eliza Ann** *(1834-18?)*, and **Alexander M.** *(1836-1873)* were among the early settlers of Steuben county. Natives of New York and Massachusetts, respectively, Samuel and Roxana had married and lived in the western Catskills of New York state during the early 1820's.

The year 1840 found them living in Edinburgh township, Portage county, Ohio, where they had been since migrating from Pennsylvania in 1829[1]. Portage county was developing rapidly during this time as the *Cuyahoga and Mahoning* canal was started in 1835 and finished in 1840. Land prices were subject to speculation as investors from the east bought land along the canal routes. The value Portage county farms rose 50-100% within a year or two during the late 1830's[2]. The Carpenter's farm was near the Mahoning river[3] and close by the canal path. It may be that things got too crowded for Samuel, or he and Roxana decided that their children would be better served by the cheaper land in the west, but by 1842 the family was preparing to move west.



When Samuel first visited Steuben county or why he chose to look there for land isn't known. There was certainly land available, and with an county population of just over 2,500 in 1840, there was certainly "elbow room" for growing families. It's also possible that he knew or was related to some of the earlier settlers, although such a link remains to be demonstrated. In any case Samuel must have traveled to Steuben county by the early 1840's. One of his older sons, perhaps Oreson, might have came with him, as one suspects that the move was at least partially motivated by a desire to provide opportunities for the children in the "new" lands further west. Whether accompanied or not, Samuel probably traveled by canal or by stage from Portage county to Cleveland, and then by boat to Monroe or Detroit, and then overland to Steuben county. Such land buying expeditions were common during this period, and Samuel may have purchased land several years before deciding to move. We do know that he was in Steuben county in 1842, as a deed is recorded for his purchase of 80 acres in Pleasant township from Francis Sowle on June 7[4].

During the winter of 1842-3 the Carpenters packed up their household, and set out for Steuben county, intending to live on section 19 of what would later become Scott township. They probably used sleds or wagons with runners replacing the wheels. Almost certainly they would have been drawn by oxen rather than horses.

Following the canal towpath or Cuyahoga river road

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1 United States Federal Census, 1830, Ohio, Portage county, Edinburgh twp., p.208. ; and, United States Federal Census, 1840, Ohio, Portage county, Edinburgh twp., p.280. See also James' and Urial's biographies in The History of Steuben County (1885) and Roxana's obituary in the Steuben Republican, May 23, 1877, page 2.

2 See Buley, The Old Northwest, Indiana University Press (1950), p.563. A more specific discussion of the canal's construction can also be found on p.282-297, History of Portage County, Ohio, Warner, Beers & Co. (1885).

3 Portage County Record of Deeds, v.50 p.509, v.53 p.347. Note that these are deeds for the sale of land. As of this date I have not yet located deeds for the purchase of any land.

4 Steuben County Record of Deeds, v.5p.58. According to the deed, Samuel bought the east half of the southwest quarter of section 17, 80 acres. He paid $100 cash. As yet I have not found the deed recorded for the land in Scott township, Samuel may have purchased this while Steuben was still part of Lagrange county and thus the deed is recorded there, or it may not have been recorded at all.

north to Cleveland, they could make good time as this was a major trade route and the road was well traveled. Arriving in Cleveland, they would have had the opportunity to rest and give the children a glimpse of the rapidly growing city before continuing west. They probably navigated the "Maumee and Western Reserve Road" west across northwestern Ohio to Perrysburg. Once through the settled area of Erie and Loraine counties west of Cleveland, this road was only a rude trail, as most commerce from Cleveland west was by water until the coming of the railroads. Cutting through the marshes and across the rivers and streams of northwest Ohio, this portion of the trip would have been the most trying. Once in Perrysburg, the family would have crossed and headed north along the Maumee river. Near Toledo they would have veered from the Perrysburg-to-Detroit road and continued northwest into Michigan and on to Jonesville. At Jonesville they would have met the great "Chicago road" and proceeded west to Coldwater, then turned south on the road toward Fort Wayne. Depending on how often they stopped and for how long, the trip probably took two or three weeks[5]. A map of their journey is shown above[6]:

As most of the roads were really just trails, the route was not easy, as this account by James Carpenter[7] describes:

"In February 1843 they came, making the journey with teams, and coming by way of Michigan. There were no roads nor bridges, and the way was rough. They settled in Scott township on a tract of timber land, moving into a rude log cabin that was found there. There was two feet of snow on the ground and nearly as much on the upper floor of their cabin. They lived in this rude cabin till one could be built on section 19. There was no tame hay in the county, and as the stock would not eat marsh hay, they were obligated to cut basswood for it to browse on till spring. They then began to clear the land and prepare to raise a crop of corn."

Now from the perspective of the late twentieth century, one might be puzzled by the thought of moving 500 miles, over rough country, with oxen, in the dead of winter. But consider the advantages in 1843. First, leaving in mid year would not allow raising a crop at either end of the journey. Steuben county was largely virgin forest and meadow, having seen its first non-Indian settlers less that ten years before. If there was to be a crop in 1843, sufficient land would have to be cleared by spring to allow planting. Second, there were no real roads, just rough muddy trails along and between rivers. Frozen ground and rivers are much easier to travel. Finally, the corner of northwest Ohio through which they would have to travel was sparsely settled and called "the Black Swamp", known for mosquitoes and "ague" (malaria). Despite the dangers of snow and ice, travel in winter was probably healthier than in the warmer months.

Arriving in mid winter, the family was fortunate to have found existing shelter, however crude. They would have to survive on game and supplies brought from Ohio until spring, with perhaps a few items obtained locally. As James' account alluded, keeping the stock healthy until spring was equally important. The winter the Carpenter's arrived was particularly harsh. As recalled by the Rev. J. P. Jones[8]:

"The winter of 1842-3 was remarkable for the severity of the weather and will be remembered by the early settlers as the long and dreary winter . . . Toward spring, feed for the stock became very scarce. Those who had the means wherewith to purchase, resorted to our more highly favored neighbors of the praries for supplies, going down, as they said, to Egypt; and those too poor to do so felled the trees of the forest, upon which to browse the cattle, as a substitute for hay and grain. In consequence of this scarcity of provender much of the stock perished."

Once spring arrived, the family would have been busy getting in their first crop and transforming the Steuben county forest into farmland. Over the next 20 years the Carpenter's were active in the development of Steuben county, Samuel and Urial focusing on acquiring and developing farm land and Oreson and James on commercial pursuits. All save perhaps Eliza, whose whereabouts after 1860 aren't clear, lived out their lives in Steuben county and are buried there.

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5 This assumes that they traveled about 20 miles per day. If they were driving stock, they may have traveled as little as 12 miles per day, at which rate the trip would have taken nearly a month.

6 Drawn from these sources: "Map of the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois with the settled part of Michigan, 1835", S. Augustus Mitchell, Philadelphia, 1835; "Main Roads and Canals and Railroads in 1840," Buley, p.446.

7 History of Steuben County (1885), p.670.

8 History of Steuben County (1885), p.283.

OOPS!!

An error was made in the Family Bible entry in last issue of SCGS Quarterly. a corrected version appears below. The Editor regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Family Bible

of Henry and Mary (Leopard/Leppard) Musser

This Bible is in the possession of Susan Musser Minch of Perrysburg, Ohio. The Bible's type is in German.

"**Mary Musser** her testament was bought in the year one thousan eight hundre and twenty eight"

There are 4 entries in German and I have been unable to have translated at this time.

"**William Musser** was born the 17 of February in the year 1839
John Musser was borne the 9 of November in the year 1840
EdWin Musser was borne the 30th of October in the year 1843
Samuel Musser was born th 5 of June 1845 in the year
David Musser was born September 13th in the year 1852"

Free Memberships

A Free membership will be awarded to one of our "out of the area" members during our December meeting as a Christmas gift. Those eligible are members who do not live in Steuben County or a contiguous county (touching ours). Also, as a "birthday" gift a membership will be awarded to a member present at our February election meeting. So...BE THERE.

QUERIES

When submitting queries, type them if possible. Queries that are short, concise and ask a specific question are more apt to get results. Your queries should be no longer than 50 words. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL QUERIES YOU WANT PUBLISHED TO THE SOCIETY ADDRESS AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

Shirley Phillips Friel
Query Editor

SHIPLEY

LEE SENDELBACK, 3411 Shoaff Park River Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46835. Seeking info. on Dr. John B. Shipley, Sadie Shipley, and daughter, Perscilla D. Shipley, residents of Hudson, Indiana in the 1930's or 1940's

McMAHAN, SOWLE, SCHAEFFER, FISHER, BECK

GLORIA J. HALL, 1405 Hunt Rd. Mayville, MI 48744. Seeking info. and desc. of Byron Sowle, son of Francis and Barbara (McMahan) Sowle. Barbara d. 1891.

GLORIA J. HALL, 1405 Hunt Rd., Mayville, MI 48744. Would like to buy or borrow copy of Schaeffer History.

GLORIA J. HALL, 1405 Hunt Rd. Mayville, MI 48744. Need any info. on Thomas/Hanna Fisher, Peter, Abner, John G. George W. Beck in Steuben Co. by 1854.

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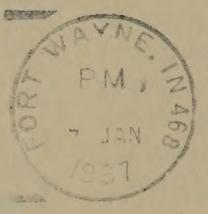

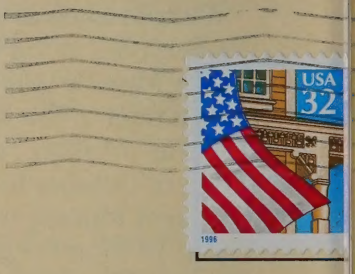

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New Officers Elected and Appointed

Executive Board--Elected

President — **Peg Dilbone**

Supervise the activities of the society. Preside over meetings and board meetings. Appoint committee members and chairs

Vice-President — **Mary Pinny**

Assist the President, preside and succeed the president when necessary.

Secretary — **Kathleen O'Niell**

Keep a record of the proceedings. Correspond.

Treasurer — **Linda Boyer**

Oversee all income and expenditures of the society.

Dir. of Publications — **Rip Ridenour**

Be responsible for the publication of the quarterly and other society publications.

Standing Board--Appointed by the President

Membership Chairman — **Linda Boyer**
Volunteer Coordinator — ***Richard Smith***
Recruit members, keep records, and organize volunteers.

Program Chairman — **Kathleen O'Neill**

Be responsible for contents of monthly meetings.

Publicity Chairman — **Pat Harrington**

Be a special liaison to the community at large.

Historian (elected) — **Sean Walker**

Maintain and preserve records.

New Address:

Steuben County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 884
Angola, IN 46703

In accordance with a suggestion made by our IGS District Representative we have obtained a P. O. Box for our mail. All correspondence should be sent to this address. You may e-mail the Editor at *ripfr@locl.net*.

The SCGS depends on your membership dues for programs and publication of the SCGS Quarterly

SCGS Quarterly is published quarterly by the Steuben County Genealogical Society, c/o Angola Carnegie Public Library, P.O. Box 844, Angola, Indiana 46703 and is sent to members as a benefit. Editor: Ripley F. Ridenour. Annual membership is $10 Individual, $15 Family. The editor nor the society bear any responsibility for errors or omissions, however corrections will be made in the newsletter following notification of error or omission. Contributions are welcomed.

From the President

I wish to thank everyone for a wonderful last two years as your president. The job would have been impossible without the hard work of the board of the society.

I have learned a great deal in the last two years. I am looking forward to the time when I can volunteer to help with future projects. Several projects are now underway. Hope to see you all at future meetings.

Thank you again for the privilege of being your president.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Lash

Roger L. Lash

Memberships Awarded

Catherine Eberhart

At the December meeting the society held a drawing for a free membership. Those members eligible were those from counties not contiguous with Steuben County and beyond. The winner was Cathrine Eberhart from Colorado. We wish to thank those members who cannot benefit from being able to attend a meeting but still support our society. Thank you!

Niann Lautzenhiser

At the Annual meeting in February the society held a drawing for a free membership in honor of our birthday. All members in attendance were elegible. The winner was Niann Lautzenhiser. Those who are able to attend benefit from others experience, support ffom others with similar interest and from the speakers' special expertise.

From the Editor

Please notice that we have a new address for society business. it is listed on the front and the back page.

Also please fill out the Volunteer Survey included with this issue. Our new Volunteer Coordinator will be able to use it to get a handle on those who can help in various areas in our society.

Now Newsletter business. Our area IGS director, Pat Johnson, suggested that we include more vital records in our newsletter. Also that we need to cover other time periods. Thus far we have covered mainly 19th century. Here we are at the end of the twentieth and have a lot we could include. What we need is someone to submit research in these areas. That someone could be you! We need all sorts of articles, original or reprintable, on family history, Bible records, family trees, anything of genealogical value or interest. Target date for the next issue is mid May. Please submit to the Society address, or e-mail to me at *ripfr@locl.net* by May 1, 1997.

Ruby Adams

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Bible Record

Submitted by Susan Musser Minch of Perrysburg, Ohio, who copied this information in 1975 from the Bible. She believes that DeWayne Everitt of Akron, Ohio has possession of this Bible.

Bold type are the lines in the Bible. Items in italics are added from my research.

EVERITT FAMILY BIBLE

Elias Everitt & Miss Margaret Teegardin were married February 14th AD 1861

They were married in Allen County, Ohio.

Elias was born September 12 AD 1838

Born in Allen County, Ohio, his parents are Jacob Doty Everitt, born 2-27-1807 Erie Co, New York and died 5-30-1852 Allen Co, Ohio; and Elizabeth "Betsy" Bush born 2-12-1806 Erie Co, New York, died 12-16-1868 Allen Co, Ohio. They were married 12-2-1823 Erie Co, New York.

Margaret Everitt, Born September 21st AD 1844

Born in Allen county, Ohio; her parents are Aaron w Teegardin, born 1-9-1812 Pickaway Co, Ohio, died 9-3-1896 Steuben Co, IN.; and Katie Ann Tharp born 11-30-1819 Wayne or Allen Co, Ohio, died 12-11-1900 Steuben Co, IN. They were married 11-25-1838 Allen Co, Ohio.

Queries

Will return next issue--be sure to get yours in! Address to Query Editor.

James Franklin Everitt, Born February 8th AD 1863 Died November 13, 1899 Age 36 years 9 mo 11days

Born Allen County, Ohio. Married Mary Ann Fee 9-23-1883 in Steuben Co, IN.

Elias Walter Everitt, Born March 12th AD 1865

Born in Steuben County, Indiana. Married Dana Casebeer. Died 8-7-1943

Jasper Everitt, Born May 11th AD 1867

Born in Steuben County, Indiana. Married Rosie Dirrim. Died November 1936

Charles Everitt, Born April 14th AD 1871

Born in Steuben County, Indiana. Died 8-28-1873

Albert Everitt, Born September 14th AD 1874

Born in Steuben County, Indiana. Married Mary Leona DeGaugh 11-10-1897 in Steuben County. Died 8-28-1943 in Steuben County.

Nina Bell Everitt, Born March 21st AD 1881 Died November 3, 1893 Age 12 years 7 mo 13 days

Born in Steuben County, Died in Steuben County.

Cassie Rosetta (lines unreadable) **was Born on the 15th day of March 1887/89**

She is not a child of Elias and Margaret Everitt - do not know how she fits into the family???

Charles Everitt died August 28th, 1873 age 2 yr. 4 mo
Died Steuben County, Indiana.

Elias Everitt died June 29th 1902 age 63 yr 9 mo 17 days
Died Steuben County, Indiana.

Future Meetings

Regular meetings of the **SCGS** are held on the third Monday of each month at the Angola Carnegie Public Library 322 South Wayne Street Angola, Indiana in the upstairs meeting rooms 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. ***You do not need to be a member to attend! The public is expressly invited to attend!***

April 21, 1997

Dorothy Whitaker

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Early American Handwriting

May 19, 1997

BRICK WALLS

Panel Discussion on what you might do when you hit one of those inevitable "Brick Walls in your Research.

June 16, 1997

Lee Sauer

Computers and Genealogical Research

Hunting for Hoosiers:

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by Dawne Slater-Putt CG, President, Heritage Pathways, Inc.

Repositories

International and National - Local branches of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) are borrowing centers for filmed records from the church's main library in Salt Lake City, UT. The Allen County Public Library, located at 900 Webster Street in Fort Wayne, maintains a national collection and also is a borrowing agency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Films may be borrowed from Salt Lake City by any patron of the ACPL, not just Allen County residents.

State - The Indiana State Library and Archives at 140 North Senate Avenue in Indianapolis focuses on Indiana records. It is the repository for Indiana newspapers. It has the largest collection of original Indiana county courthouse documents on microfilm within the state. It has military and pre-1850 Indiana marriage card file indexes, a large collection of city directories, and more.

County & Local Libraries - To determine the exact location and telephone number of a library, consult the *American Library Directory*, listed in the bibliography. Most county seat libraries have some sort of a county genealogical collection, although many are small. These might include county histories, city directories, high school yearbooks, local newspapers, and an obituary card file index, among other resources. Sometimes these libraries maintain vertical files on area families and subjects. Things often are available at local libraries that have never been "published" and may be available at no other location.

Societies

State - The Indiana Genealogical Society publishes two periodicals, the quarterly *Indiana Genealogist* and the bi-monthly *Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter*. Its projects include the Indiana Cemetery Survey, the 1870 Census Index Project, and an annual workshop. Services include a Speakers' Bureau and an ancestor card file. The society has published two editions of the *Indiana Source Directory* and a small number of additional publications. The Indiana Historical Society - Genealogy Section has several periodicals, including *Traces, Black History News & Notes* and the *Hoosier Genealogist*. It hosts periodic genealogy workshops. The Historical Society has a large list of publications.

Regional, County & Local - For locations and addresses, consult the *Genealogists Address Book*, listed in the bibliography. Many of these societies publish a periodical which contains articles featuring the pioneers, records, and history of the county or region covered. Queries often are accepted. Most societies have regular meetings and offer educational programs. Some do much more.

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The information you desperately need could be found only in the 1890 census?

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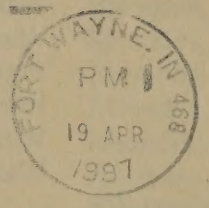

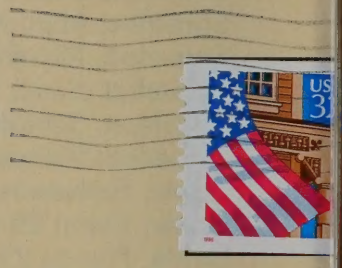

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How to Hire a Professional Researcher

By Kathleen Hamman O'Neill

Spring is certainly on its way here! What a long winter for researchers. Not being able to go out and tromp around the countryside is downright frustrating. Winter has its benefits of forcing us to do our inside work, letting us concentrate on all the paperwork that waits for us to finish.

While searching for information on ancestors and/or descendants, and when our lead takes us to a city, state or country that is too far for us to get to in an afternoon, one option is to find another researcher to help us retrieve the information for us. Unless we take the time to do some research ourselves on the person we choose, we may find ourselves less than pleased with the outcome.

Some ideas to think about.

Where to Look?

~ Get recommendations from genealogical societies for the area you are needing the research done, they may offer to do the work on your query.

~ Check with genealogical periodicals, as genealogical businesses are often listed with particular areas that they will work in.

~ Libraries and historical societies can often provide names of individuals that do research.

And Who are They?

~ Check their credentials:

Education

Genealogical Affiliations

Published work

Genealogy expertise

References on previous work done for others

Better Business Bureau

~ Check out the availability of their time to do the work.

~ Be comfortable in asking for references on previous jobs.

Fees

While some researchers will do research free of charge, some may charge for expenses and others may charge for a fee. Find out before you make an agreement for them to start on the work you want. Though the information may delight you to have it, it may have been slightly salty. Researchers will charge anywhere between $5.00 and $100 an hour. They may charge by the job a flat fee. They decide what works for them, so you must also decide what works for you. Find out and get in writing an agreement between the two of you, so all parties understand and agree to what the fee is, what research is desired, what information is to be copied, what time limit is to be accepted. Never give an original document to anyone ... make a copy of the original and share that information instead.

RESULTS !!!!!

Expect the results they give you to be neat and accurate, with any notes, and all sources for information identified clearly. This is to include both positive and negative results of their search.

The Bad News

Yes, there are some that like to take advantage of people. The following information is to help you beware of those certain people and/or companies.

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Monthly Meetings

The April SCGS meeting was an informative evening. As we consider early handwriting in the documents we find, there are times when we become mystified as to what the symbols in certain letters, names, and other words mean. Dorothy WHITAKER from Michigan, who was the quest speaker for the April meeting, provided information which will help decipher handwriting. Ms. Whitaker illustrated different styles of handwriting, such as Copperplate and Spencerian styles, by sharing a handout and demonstrating on the blackboard. Ms. Whitaker also gave us each a gift, a beautiful quill and ink written paper, that showed our names written in Spencerian script. Our evening concluded with Ms. Whitaker responding to questions from members and guests.

Along with the puzzling problems that we encounter with early handwriting, sometimes we just hit a "Brick Wall" in our search. For our May meeting, Ms. Jenny DOERFLEIN HINES, from Heritage Pathways, Inc., helped us tackle the problem of those "Brick Walls". Ms. Doerflein Hines discussed of how to combat that "Brick Wall". Ideas ranged from starting in the same geographical area we are researching, leading us to all neighbors, groups, organizations or churches that the person we are researching may have been connected with. Ms. Doerflein Hines encouraged us to communicate with other researchers that are working on the same surname and to share notes and information. Having information from the locale, Ms. Doerflein Hines also suggested attending workshops that may relate to information you are seeking. Finally, if that "Brick Wall" still remains uncrumbled, check out professional researchers that research the area you are having problems with. (Remember, some researchers charge a fee for the research.) Our "Brick Wall" program with Jenny Doerflein Hines was educational and provided several other excellent avenues to search. Our evening ended with many good questions being answered by Ms. Doerflein Hines.

The world of computers is surely here and our May speaker, Lee SAUER, came to explain the wonderful advantages that can be had with the computer in genealogical searches. Mr. Sauer, is the originator of the Steuben County Genealogical Home Page on the World Wide Web. He cared over that page from it's existence. Recently he has turned it over to someone else to take care of. The new address for the Steuben County Genealogical Home page is http://members.tripod.com/~Hammanoneill/steuben.html Mr. Sauer shared much information about "surfing" the Net and provided answers to questions from internet users and non-users alike.

The June meeting was many very informative about the local Potawatomi Indians from this area. Fred WOOLEY, who is an Interpretive Naturalist from Pokagon State Park, provided tables full of interesting articles for all of us to view and enjoy learning about. We were told of the Potawatomi Indians with Mr. Wooley's wonderful displays, and entertaining stories. Mr. Wooley how he was able to do his genealogical search surrounding some of the famous Chiefs of this Pokagon tribe. Our evening was filled with visual and hand and heart felt experiences.

Join us for our upcoming meetings:

August is featuring a "Trunk Show". Ida and Denver Hamman will be sharing their historical program with a trunk full of treasures. Members and guests are encouraged to join in and bring their "What's This" with them. Maybe someone will be able to identify your "What's This" !

The Ansestor's tapes [from the PBS series] are going to be explained at the September meeting. To go along with this tape program there will be an alternate time for a group to meet for viewing and discussing the tapes. **Join us for these upcoming activities!**

The Old Settlers

Steuben Republican, August 24, 1892

The twentieth annual meeting of the pioneers of Steuben county was held at the court house park on Thursday Aug. 18, 1892. The attendance was not so large as usual, owing doubtless, to the very warm and dusty weather. The Heath and Holbrook orchestra was present and furnished some excellent music. Of the historical committee consisting of one from each township, only four responded, as follows, Mrs. Hattie Wilder, Millgrove; L.I.C. Young, Clear Lake; J.C. Powers; York, and F. Macartney, Pleasant.

Mrs. Wilder spoke for Millgrove township as follows:

Am glad that Millgrove has been assigned to me, for all will admit that we are a little higher up than Jackson, and much more so than Angola, as we are situated in the far northwestern part of the county. And is there a place on earth upon which nature has bestowed a more bountiful hand than just our own little township? Beautiful lakes dotted here and there; Fawn river that meanders so gently along, gliding in and out among the tiny forest for miles, making itself useful by turning machinery wheels and affording unbounded sport for fishermen. In view of such beauty and worth, what wonder that home seekers were attracted to this level plateau of burr oak openings. In 1834 John Stocker, of Fremont, father of L.H. Stocker, noting the natural advantages here, induced to come "west" with him Benjamin Pierce and wife, George D. Parmenter, wife and one child, S.A. Parmenter and Abel Blanchard, wife and five children (including Caleb, who, we are happy to say, preached in our little town last Sunday.) These people built the first cabins that were erected by white settlers. The year following, other Vermonters joined their lot with that of those already here; among these were Nelson Newton, wife and two children. His present wife has for years been correspondent for the ***Republican*** collecting, sometimes under very adverse circumstances, the items we are always so anxious to read. S. C. Sabin and wife, the only surviving settlers of '35, now reside at Centerville, Mich., the wife having been deprived of her eyesight for many years. To Mr. Sabin, who is now over eighty years old, I am indebted for the accuracy in dates that I present to you today.

Fawn River meanders so gently along, gliding in and out amoung the tiny forest for miles...

In 1836 thirty-one came from Ohio, all settling east of the river. Numbered with these were Walter Luce, wife and six children, three now living: one addressing this gathering last year and another, your humble servant now attempting to give this history. During this year William Wilder, wife and six children came from New York: two only are living and are present here today: Mrs. S. A. Fox and brother G. K. Wilder. Truman Humphrey, and family also came about that time. This family I believe has more surviving members than any other one of the pioneers, four being able to answer roll call: Mrs. O. Wilder, Dr. Humphrey, of Minneapolis, Mrs Obed Dickson, of Oregon, and Elmore Humphrey, of York State [sic].

The population now increased very rapidly, settlers now coming from Michigan and Ohio, but principally from Vermont. There were Chapins, Kidders, Choates and scores of others I might mention as being prominent early settlers. These brought with them their bibles and hymn books, making each and every home a church of worship, not only in the letter but in the spirit of the Word which says "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" for each heart beat in sympathy through long months of toil and privations such as we know nothing of.

Thought I could best describe an early home by illustration even though I have only a rude sketch. This, my grandfather Gray's cabin, was built in '36 and is 14 x 14. A fireplace without any hearth; the children sitting on the floor with feet to the fire; not a bedstead in the house, and no door save a blanket hung up. Twenty-two persons occupied this dwelling the first winter, or rather the first six months, with the wolves howling outside and re-

peated Indian visits. I might stand here until the sun sets and yet the half of want, pain, and anxiety would not be told. But this kind of discipline was what made the sturdy men and women, for around the firesides was discussed all that was of vital importance to each and everyone: their town, their country, their state and their nation. So there are some advantages, you see, in a small home, as what the parents talked the children were interested in; not like the spacious dwellings of today whose rooms are so large that a man and wife need a telephone to converse with.

Thus our forefathers sought to fill every corner with something good and noble so that the coming generations should have no stumbling blocks over which to fall. Flax was spun on a little wheel and woven into garments, thus converting each home into a factory. The boys' shirts somewhat resembled burlap.

About this time Captain Barry became prominent, and he is rightly called an extraordinary man. He not only took an active part in freeing the slaves, but was a great friend of churches and schools, paying one-third the cost of our present Baptist church out of his own pocket. His monument is the educational edifies he built, almost entirely alone, and a good name, which will always be revered. Out of this Puritanic stock, politically, we could be nothing but the staunch whigs, better known as the grand old republican party which with its imperfections has brought about so many reforms; but we almost feel as though we could not hurrah for them any longer unless they give us local option this year and prohibition next year.

In 1836 the first frame house was built by S. A. Parmenter; the timber hew by Leland Stocker and the master builder S. C. Sabin--wages $1.25 a day. The first frame school house was erected in 1837 with Miss Eliza Eaton as teacher, whose wages amounted to $1.25 a week. The first hotel was run by S. U. Clark in 1838; he was also our first tailor. His wife is now living but is both deaf and blind. The first physicians were Drs. McConnell and P. C. Carlton. Andrew Lunstrum was our first blacksmith and Col. Chapin our first postmaster. His wife now living, nearly one hundred years old and has a family of whom anyone might justly be proud. The first store was kept by Mr. Palmenter. The Orland mills, started by Timothy Kimball, ground the first grain in 1838. They bolted by hand for three weeks. The first orchard was planted by Mr. Sabin, but my fear is that our present orchards, reared with so much care and anxiety, have proved a curse rather than a blessing. Orlando Wilder ran the first separator that was used in the township, receiving $3 per hundred bushels and taking his pay in wheat, usually about six bushels. Two years ago he with us; last year was sick and unable to come; today he is no more. The love that he bore the church founded in 1836, of which he was a constituent member, is shown by the large legacy left to it at his departure.

After the wolves were subdued sheep began to be raised in large numbers. Then it was Walter Luce put up a carding factory at his home on Fawn river in 1843, people coming to it from the different counties near. Sometimes the women would come, too, fearing that their husbands would get cheated. A party of young people were passing the factory one evening when the horses took fright and landed the party in the river. The clothier, William Carver, being in the factory at the time, saw the terrible catastrophy and of course ran to the rescue, when to his consternation he discovered his own daughter amoung the unfortunates, and thus he addressed her: "Angelina Carver, you go home and stay there, and don't let me see you with a young man again as long as you live." But she didn't mind, girls never do. Love and marriage went on just the same then as now.

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In winter sporting was done on rudely constructed sleds which the boys would build in a jiffy, and were just about as graceful and uncertain as the modern bicycle. Our amusements and entertainment consisted of lyceums, singing schools, spelling schools, debates, etc. And these debates were not simply pastimes either, but had a ring to them. Mind came in contact with mind and each strove to master the other. The Sons of Temperence also had an organization and were instrumental in bringing about much good in this line. At one time Mr. Blake, in connection with his hotel, put in a bar, whereupon the society immediately appointed a committee to wait upon him, requesting that he cease his nefarious business, his reply being "There is no power in heaven, earth or hell that can prevent me from selling liquor if I

choose." In less than three weeks from that day both Mr. and Mrs. Blake were dead, and inside of three months three children were dead also; and let me say right here that I believe with my whole heart that God works for those who are earnestly engaged in any good cause.

In pioneer times each returning Fourth brought out the best and honored talent to inculcate into the minds of the young the highest lessons of public virtue. It seems to me that we today have lost sight of the real purpose of this anniversary, and we now glorify it with firecrackers, whiskey, and much that tends to demoralize instead of uplift. I fear I shall have to admit that the religious, moral and political standard which our forefathers strove so hard to implant, this generation permits to trail in the dust.

While we claim to be higher up geographically, we hope the other townships in the county are far above us morally, and pray that from this day forth each township will prove itself worthy to go in and possess, beautify, grace and adorn these homes that were carved for them out of the then wilderness. (Mrs. Wilder then read the following letter from Caroline Newton who is visiting in Missouri):

INDEPENDENCE, MO.
Aug. 9, '92

I came from Adrain, Mich., to Orland in June 1844. There was a school house but no church edifice. The Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists all held their meetings in the school house, each occupying one third of the time. All met in harmony and love. They saw each other often enough that no root of bitterness had time to grow up between them, and in those days everyone attended church. Men and women worked hard and fared hard. In those days they had no sweet corn, pop corn, or pieplant. They knew nothing about eating tomatoes: if they were grown at all it was in the flower garden and they were the "love apple." There was not a meat market in twenty miles. I think I hear some one say, what did the eat? Why, each family had a cow or two, and they kept chickens, could make custards, puddings, and custard pies, and for a change they made sorrel pies. In the fall and winter we had pumpkin pies. If a neighbor shot a deer or killed a veal part of it was sent to those who had none and it was sure to meet a return of the like favor. The farmer worked his oxen through the day and turned them out at night to get their food. In the morning while he was hunting his team the mother would milk the cows and get the breakfast ready against the father's return. And when he did return he would be wet to the hips with dew that had gathered on the weeds and wild grass that grew in abundance on the fertile soil. After breakfast he would go to work in his wet clothes and let the sun and wind dry them. At night, guided by the cow bell, the only musical instrument in town, the farmer brought the cows from the woods and after the milking was done the work of the day was over. The history of one day will be sufficient; any more would be a repetition.

The one store in town was kept by S. P. Gambia. He had just got on a stock of new goods. Prominent among them where five bolts of calico. Two ladies of my acquaintance brought home samples, washed them to see if they would retain their color. Two of the pieces pleased them; one was the prettier pattern, the other the better cloth, and with a sigh of resignation they chose the one of the better material, because it would last longer. And this was not parsimony but prudence, and by such sacrifices as those the town of Millgrove was raised from its state of nature to its present state of prosperity. Let the present generation think lovingly of the old settlers; but few of them are left. They have nearly all joined the great majority.

The first musical instrument ever brought to Orland was brought by Mr. Nutting. It had two octaves. That was in 1846; it is still in being. In 1847 Prof. W. T. Heath taught singing school in Orland and he brought a lap melodion of four octaves. It is now in the possession of Mrs. Samuel Harper. Orland has three churches. The Baptist church, completed in 1848; the Union church in 1850 and the Methodist church in-------: a first-class graded school, and the farmers of millgrove are in general in prosperous circumstances, having well culivated farms and beautiful residence I think none of them sigh for the good old times. Being too far from you to attend the annual gathering I shall think of you on the 18th of August as you meet to relate reminiscences and exchange greetings. Mrs. Caroline Newton.

When Clear Lake township was called L. I. C. Young responded as follows:

The world is full of unwritten history. What we do not know of the past is simply immense. The history we have is a brief statement of a very few facts that have occurred, and gives but a few names of the many generations who have preceded us. As we grow old we like to meet with old friends and talk of the incidents and associations of former times. We feel younger again and for a time forget the cares and infirmities

Levi Douglass purchased

from the government 320 acres in 1836 which is part of the Throop and Wilbur farms, and Henry Wilbur has possession of the old parchment signed by Martin Van Buren, president. The first improvements were made in March, 1836, by John Russell, on the farm now owned by William Gowthrop, on which was built the first saw mill. Some others came that year. Allen Throop came with his parents among the first settlers, and being crippled in his feet, he tried peddling for a while, but soon devoted his whole time to farming and made a success of it. Dr. Thomas Cope owned the farm now occupied by S. F. McElhenie, and being a good nurse and no physician handy, he soon became successful in treating diseases common to the vicinity which took much time from his farm labors. The doctor and Allen Throop were on a strife, while Allen generally managed to come out ahead. They got the first farm bells in the township and the strife then was to ring the bell first for breakfast. One morning Throop's bell waked Dr. Cope up, who rushed out rang his bell, and then adjusted his toilet and waited for breakfast. The doctor took special care to make some pills for a sick patient and left them on a plate in the cupboard to dry. Mrs. Cope accidentally threw them away while cleaning up, so she made about the same number and appearance of bread pills, and set them in the place of the doctor's pills. The patient speedily recovered and the doctor congratulated his family on the virtues of his pills, but his wife told him that it was her bread pills that had restored his patient.

Stephen A. Powers was one of the pioneers of Steuben County and for many years he was an influential citizen of Clear Lake township. At one time he owned the whole northeast corner of the state of Indiana. He taught school forty terms before he left Clear Lake and served as a trustee, county surveyor, etc., several terms. He was not a prohibitionist, neither was he a excessive drinker, as recently published by some base calumniator, though sometimes his eccentricity was stimulated. On one occasion he went into the court room happy as a lark, and the judge said "keep still." Uncle Steve looked up at his honor and drawled out: "Judge, did you ever see two twin pigs?" All in the court room enjoyed a hearty laugh. While he was trustee he had a "wild cat bank" $20 bill that suddenly became worth twenty-five cents on the dollar. He said: "Take this bill and repair the bridge in your district." So I bought $5 worth of plank for the bridge and gave Uncle Steve a $20 voucher and the next month the bank was dead broke.

The summer of 1855 was exceedingly wet. Harvest came the last half of July and wheat sprouted badly even before it was cut, and the bread made from the grown wheat made many sick, so they called it sick wheat. I only knew of three reapers in all the country that year, and no mowing machines. The next year, 1856, was very sickly. The bloody flux raged at a fearful rate and many died. There was a frost every month in the year 1859.

(Mr. Young gave a full account of the terrible disaster that occurred July 4 1859, when eleven people drowned in Clear Lake.)

The last sawmill run by water power was built in the fifties by David Sines on the state line about threefourth of a mile below the outlet of Long Lake. The last man that ran the old mill was B. J. Adair. John McWilliams gave him boost in the shape of a very large long saw log that took two teams and two or three men to haul it to the mill, and left Ben to saw it alone. Ben lifted until he saw stars, and soon abandoned the old mill for a quiet home on the Pigeon ditch.

In 1884 Philemon Millington came from beyond Ft. Wayne and boarded a long time at the Island House. Now, old soldiers, like sailors, do not like to be beaten spinning yarns, so he told of the exploits of the Indian chief, Red Jacket, and that he was buried in the mound near the hotel. The landlord thought that yarn would draw attention to the hotel, so he put a board stating that canard. This year we see a wooden monument setting around loose claiming that Red Jacket, chief of the Black Hatchet tribe, was killed on North Point and buried in this mound, which investigation shows to be absurd and not a fact. Probably those parties are not aware that J. G. W. Colburn leveled six of the seven mounds at Clear Lake and built the hotel where they stood: and that the Indians here knew not the origin of these or any other mounds which our best historians claim were built by a more intelligent race called the Mound Builders, who were exterminated by the more ferious Indians. I think it was July 4, 1858, that nearly all the neighbors were present and dug into this mound that is left, and we found charcoal, vessels made of clay and human bones partly decayed, but none of recent burials, nor in the Indian mode of burial, since the white man came among them. In my visit to Ohio this summer I was told by an old man that lived among the Indians before they were sent

to west of the Mississippi that Red Jacket was buried at Bellevue, Ohio. We old people are jealous of the facts of our early history, and want the truth set before generations to come hereafter. Respectfully. L. I. C. YOUNG.

Clark Powers of York township favored the audience with the following:

In making an attempt at reminiscences, either as to history, biography or incident, I trust you will pardon me for being a little personal. That is, hugging closely to our folks. We all seem to move in a circle or sphere peculiar to ourselves and know more about our own folks than any one else. The Powers family came from pure Celtic stock and consequently were a little clannish. When they left Allegheny county, in the state of New York, in the spring of 1837, fifty-five years ago this last spring, there were three families, Stephen, Winn, Calvin and their children, eighteen persons in all, ten oxen, six cows and two calves. Uncle Clark and Calvin had been here the year before and entered large tracts of land. They paid $1.25 per acre, the land office being located in Ft. Wayne which was then but little more than a trading point among Indians.

On the 3d [sic] day of July, Stephen and Winn with their families arrived at the cabin of Mr. Russell, a settler near Clear Lake, where they made a halt. Owing to a heavy windfall, swampy and miry places they had to go by way of Willow prairie and then to Angola, at that time a place containing two houses and a blacksmith shop. Uncle Clark at that time was a single man, and with Gust Woodworth and Jackson Corey came in advance of this party and had erected a shanty near where the Powers school house now stands, and this was the commencement of the Powers settlement. The teams arrived at the shanty on the 8th day of July. Although the shanty was completed, having a bark roof and bark floor, it was decided to go over to Mr. Barron's and stay all night, he having settled the year before. Mrs. Barron came out to meet us and laughed and cried, declaring the women in our party to be the first white women she had seen since the year before. Uncle Calvin arrived some four weeks later, he having been kept back by the very severe illness of his wife. So anxious was Aunt Emeline to reach her new home and rejoin her friends that she insisted on starting before she was able to sit up, and I am told that at the roughest places on the road Uncle Calvin lifted her out of the wagon, carried her past, laid her down by the roadside and then went back for his team. In this way they persued their journey, she improving all the time.

Until other houses could be built, all lived in the shanties.

All of this region was a dense forest and the task of building houses and clearing ground for crops for the next season was one of no small magnitude. Until other houses could be built, all lived in the shanties. Floors were made of puncheons, roofs and doors of shakes. Most of the houses had but one room, the chamber being reached by means of a ladder. The cooking was done by open fireplaces. There were no matches. The fire would go out and we would have to borrow which was a common occurrence. Some of you may think you know all about gnats and mosquitoes, but your worst experiences are not even a shadow of what the early settlers endured. They came into a dense forest where these little pests were as plenty as bees at swarming time. But these were not the only troubles. The woods were full of wild animals and at times the wolves made themselves entirely too familiar. On one occasion Father P. left Angola just before sunset with a piece of fresh meat. Wolves scented the blood and before reaching Pigeon creek it was dark and a pack of hungry wolves were at his heels. He halted to cut a cudgel, putting one foot on his piece of meat while he did so in order to keep it away from them. Some men would have let the meat go, but that was not his way of doing business. He set out to provide his family with a little luxury and he intended they should have it.

Prior to the year 1840, there came to York township John Larue and family, Adam Dygert, Cowee Barnes, Jeremiah Dillingham and his sons; Griswold and Alva Phelps, Charles Hodges, George Jenks, Royal B Hix, George W. Johnson, David K. Jones, John Croy and others. Volney Powers, son of Stephen and Mary Ann Powers, was the first white child born in the township. Mowrey Powers, son of Winn and Betsy Powers, was the first death. The first marriage occurred in 1841, the contracting parties being Augustus Woodworth and and Mary Johnston, Stephen A. Powers, the first justice of the peace officiating. The first school was taught by Uncle Winn Powers in the winter of 1838. The

first grist mill was built by Audry Ferrier, the first saw mill by Uncle Clark Powers on Fish creek, the first frame house by Bela Dillingham and now is part of Myron Powers' horse barn. The first frame barn is still standing on the farm of David Musser and was built by Griswold Phelps fifty years ago. As early as the year 1840, the Methodists organized a class near the center of the township. They met in private houses and later in schoolhouses. The first Methodist preachers I can remember were Rev. John Paul Jones and E.B. Blue. Very early in the history of the township the Free Will Baptists had an organization and met for worship at the houses of Adam Dygert, Cowee Barnes, Issac Richmond, Jerry Dillingham and others. Their preachers were Elders J. H. Barnes, Silas Headley and others. In 1842 a few Disciples who had migrated from Bedford, Ohio, organized a church of which Burdette Goodale was made pastor, and today his widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Goodale, is the only surviving member who helped to organize the original church.

The occurrences of those days are not all of a gloomy cast. I remember hearing the Hon. E. O. Rose tell how his mother borrowed butter of old Mrs. Warner and when he took it home Mrs. Warner complimented him on the very excellent butter his mother had sent home. E. O., in order to place his mother ahead as being a very superior butter maker, said, "Oh, she sent you the poorest she had. She can beat that ever so much." My mother wanted at one time some pork to season the greens. She sent me to Mr. Brooks' to borrow a piece as they had killed a pig. I wanted to be very prompt, so I told old Auntie Brooks; if I could get a piece of pork I would bring it home after I had got the greens seasoned.

Wild honey was found in abundance, game was plenty and although at first flour was a little scarce, the pioneers' bill of fare was usually a good one. The Indians kept us supplied with venison, wild turkeys, fish and cranberries. How many can remember Baw Beese, chief of the tribe, who ruled his subjects with a sense of justice almost Roman in its sternness? They were bold, brave, freehearted, and very good to the whites.

I think there are only two persons alive today in the township who were heads of families prior to 1840, and they are widow ladies who have lived on the land their husbands entered since that time, and one peculiar thing is that these farms join. I mean Mrs. Royal B. Hix and Mrs. George W. Johnson.

Did time permit hours might be spent in enumerating the trials and tribulations of the pioneers of this county. Suffice it to say that they were stoically met and bravely endured, and in spite of their many discomforts most of the early settlers were cheerful and lived in hopes of a better day coming.

The four Powers brothers were in many respects more than common men. They were men of inflexible honesty, men whose word was as good as their bond, and I doubt whether the man lives today who can truthfully say that either one of them ever intentionally wronged him. They were generous and hospitable and their latch string was always out. They possessed fewer faults and more virtues than the average man. The beautiful church now standing in the Powers cemetery I am safe in saying would never have been built had it not been for Uncle Winn and Uncle Calvin, and had Uncle Clark and my father been living they would have been equally active. But they finished their course, their race is run and now they sleep the sleep that knows no waking in the silent city of the dead. The gentle breeze fans their verdant covering, but they head it not; the sunshine and the storms pass over them and they are not disturbed; stones and lettered monuments symbolized the affection of surviving friends, yet no sound proceeds from them save that silent but thrilling admonition, "Seek ye the narrow path and the straight gate that leads to eternal life."

In response to the call for Pleasant township, F. Macartney said

that if he had prepared a paper he would move that it be referred without reading. But he had no address prepared, only a few notes, consisting chiefly of dates from which he would make a few remarks assuring the audience that they would not be wearied by their length.

The speaker said that since the organization of the Pioneer Society nineteen years ago, its course had been characterized by a lack of proper method. At its meetings there had been too much stale anecdote, too much unimportant personal detail and too little carefully prepared well authenticated statement of facts. He held that a part of the education of every child in Steuben county should be the history as well as the geography of his own county. Had the Pioneer society been properly conducted its records would furnish for all time the most complete and reliable text

book for such instruction.

The society should have been organized earlier and its record kept with painstaking accuracy. Much might yet be done by persistent and concerted effort but the best opportunity has passed away forever. The speaker said that in sketching the history of Pleasant township his remarks would be short and deficient in detail but he would at least begin far enough back. On the 29th day of August, 1821, Lewis Cass and Solomon Sibley completed a treaty at Chicago, with representatives of the Chippewa, Ottawa and Pottawatamie tribes of Indians, wherby the Indian title extinguished to lands extending from the Grand river on the north to St. Joseph river of Lake Michigan on the south, and from a point near South Bend extending south to a line drawn due east from the southern extreme of Lake Michigan and continuing eastward to the line of former cession. This line would have passed near the south line of Pleasant township.

A very annoying incident...was the frequent breaking down of the seats loaded with people.

Early in 1831 the township boundaries were run by Thomas Brown, a government surveyor, and in June of the same year the township was subdivided into sections by Edward H. Lytle, another United States surveyor. The brief notes left by these surveyors would indicate a country neither fair to look upon or pleasant to travel over. From their outlook Pleasant would seem a misnomer and some one must have viewed it under a rosier light when the name was bestowed. Scarcely a mile of line was run on which they did not encountered lake, marsh or swamp. Within sight of where this town stands a section corner was established in a swamp covered with tamarack trees from three to eight feet high, "Has the appearance of a grown up lake." On the west line they note "a round sugar loaf hill very high." Near the southwest corner of the township the surveyor says, "Set white oak post for quarter corner on verge of Symmes' hole." Lake James and Hogback lake are noted by the name they now bear.

The surveyors frequently note crossing a road running from Fort Defiance to the settlement at White Pigeon, which shows that at that early day there was travel through the township if no inhabitants were living in it.

The first entry of land was made July 15, 1835, by Ambrose Rice, a fraction of twenty-three acres on the north side of Lake James, directly across the narrows farm from what is now known as Spring Point.

The first settler in the township was Elder John Stealy who arrived with his family, in February, 1836, on the farm now owned by his son, Lewis. In the spring of the same year, Daniel Higby settled at the outlet of Silver Lake, Samuel Pierson on Section 32. Cornelius Gilmore on the site of Angola and Reuben Phelps on the south shore of Lake James on the bay that yet bears his name. In August, Daniel and David Phenicie settled about three miles northeast of Angola. About the same time, Chauncey Clark settled on the farm now owned by Levi Bigler. In October, Judge Gale moved to Angola and commenced the erection of the first frame building. Later came Eziekiel Crain and perhaps one or two others. About the close of the year or early in 1837, Dr. Joseph Pierce and William M. Cary came to Angola and with them Andrew Yokey who is present today.

At the close of 1836, there were probably a dozen families in Pleasant township. In two townships east of us there was but one family. In the eastern part of the county, one hundred and fifty square miles had not a white inhabitant. An almost unbroken forest extended to the shores of Lake Erie.

The county was organized by an act of the Indiana legislature, approved Jan. 18, 1837. The board of county commissioners met June 26, 1837. The members being Seth W. Murray, Jonas Twitchell and James Clark. The first clerk was Dr. James McConnell, who until late in 1837 kept his office at his boarding place on Jackson Prairie.

The circuit court convened at the house of Cornelius Gilmore, April 12, 1838. Charles W. Ewing, presiding judge: Samuel Tuttle, associate: James McConnell, clerk and William M. Carey, sheriff. The names of eighteen men had been drawn for grand jurors and twenty-four for petit jurors. Of these fortytwo men but two are living today. Abner Winsor and George W. Balding, the former being present at this meeting.

Among the early work of the commissioners' court was the organization of civil townships, but the record fails to disclose any enabling act or order regarding Pleasant township. It would seem that as the Goddess of Liberty sprang full panoplied from the brain of Jupiter, so Pleasant township leaped into full corporate existence from the bosom of the wilderness, her civil powers rather

inherent than conferred.

Joseph Pierce appears to have been the first justice of the peace, elected in 1839, and William Albee the second in 1841.

Angola was laid out and established as a town by Gilmore and Gale in June, 1838.

Judge Gale brought the first stock of goods and opened a store here in 1838.

In the spring of the same year, Darius Orton erected the building so long known as the Eagle and opened a tavern.

The old court house (now occupied as a feed store) was erected in 1840. The jail, a two story frame building with a hewed log pen inside was constructed in 1842, for the rather uncertain keeping of prisoners.

Three fourths of the land in Pleasant township was purchased from the government in the year 1836.

Of the many who entered land prior to 1840 Francis Sowle of Angola is the only known survivor.

To follow the history of the township in detail through her fifty five years of existence, to note her growth and development in population, wealth and material resources, would fill a volume. To follow her education system, step by step, from the private school in Elder Stealy's cabin to the ten large and convenient brick school houses, with their splendid appointments, or the Angola schools from the old log school house by the pond to the magnificent graded school system and the college on the hill, would be an interesting study, but time forbids the recital.

The following is a list of those who have died during the past year, as near as we can ascertain.

[Included at the end of this article]

NOTES.

Owing to the very warm weather many old settlers were unable to attend the meeting.

As usual the people were highly pleased with the music by the Heath & Holbrook orchestra.

Dr. McConnell is possessed of a remarkable memory and is wonderfully accurate in his statements of the olden time.

Andrew Yokey was present. He is thought to be the first white man to stand on the grounds where Angola is situated.

We feel sure that our Fremont friends carried away with them the warmest gratitude of the large crowd of people attending the Old Settlers' meeting last Thursday.

A very annoying incident of the meeting, last Thursday, was the frequent breaking down of the seats loaded with people. The genius who contrived these seats might make a success if he would give attention to rat traps.

Three men now live in this county, who entered land in 1835, viz: George Harding, Demary Tillotson and Abner Winsor. Four live in the county who entered land in 1836 viz: Francis Sowle, Eli M. Teal, Samuel Carter and Jonathon Thomas.

One drawback to the enjoyment of the Old Settlers' meeting was the continued noise and confusion pervading the entire assembly. The fortunate few who occupied the permanent seats on the stand, with the ring of outsiders who climbed the steps and railings, formed an impenetrable cordon around the speakers and music, completely shutting off the audience from sight and hearing.

Probably no band of people in this land has contributed so much gratuitously to the enjoyment of the public as the Heath and Holbrook Orchestra. From far and near calls are made for the services of this orchestra and few calls are made in vain. Their fine music is rendered with a hearty good will that stamps their work as a labor of love. Each member seems to feel in sympathy with, and to enjoy the pleasure of the audience.

Elder Branchard [sic], of LaGrange county, was present and made a short address. Among other things he said he had made one hundred thousand rails in Steuben county, and that he built the second log house in Millgrove township. In that early time one of his children sickened and died. He was obliged to go four miles to get nails to make the coffin, and he assisted in digging and filling the grave. About seven years ago Mr. Blachard [sic] went on a visit to Oregon, and in all his extensive travels says he found no section of country equal to northern Indiana. He is 75 years of age and well preserved.

Wm. Palfreyman carried a cane at the meeting that at one time was the property of President Millard Fillmore. It was presented to the president by Jonathan C. McKusie, of Minnesota. The cane consists of two branches that have grown from a limb, the parts between the branches, forming the handle. At each end of the handle are silver plates, on one, engraved the word "north" and on the other "south." On the north branch are silver plates, on which are engraved the names of Webster, Douglass and Cooper: the south, Clay Foote, Houston, and Cobb. In the center and around both branches is a band on which is the name of Scott, the great military hero and liberal statesman.

OLD SETTLERS DEATHS 1892

ANDERSON William
b. Belfast, Ireland
Came to this county 1857
d. 6 June 1892 Angola, Indiana
Age 80y 4m
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 15 June 1892 p. 1
Cem. Bk. p. 38

BENNETT Emma E.
b. Orland, Indiana
Daughter of Augusta Kimball of Orland
d. 27 May 1892 New Sharon, Iowa
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 1 June 1892 p. 5

CARPENTER Fannie
b. 2 December 1813
Came to this county 1850
d. 7 March 1892 Otsego Center Indiana
Age 78y. 3m. 5d.
1885 History of Steuben County pp. 81819
b. 2 December 1813 Milan, Ohio
Maiden name Merry
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 9 March 1892 p. 5
Cem. bk. p. 305

COREY Jackson
b. Ontario County, New York
Came to this county 1837
d. 12 January 1892 Central City, NE Age 85

CRAMPTON William
b. 12 January 1827 Lincoln, Lincolnshire, England
Came to this county 1851
d. 12 March 1892 Pleasant Lake Indiana
Age 75y. 2m.
1885 History of Steuben County p. 779
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 16 March 1892 p. 5

CRITCHFIELD James
b. 1818 Washington County, Pennsylvania
Came to this county 1838
Married 1839 Sarah Bower
d. 21 February 1892 Scott Township
Age 73y. 2m. 9d.
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 2 March 1892 p. 5
Cem Bk. p. 436 Dygert Cemetery

FOLLETT Almeron R.
b. 23 July 1826 Berkshire County, Mass
Son of Rennselaer and Eliza Powell Follett
Wife Malvina B. Barker
d. 4 February 1892
Cem. Bk. p. 634

FOX Mary A.
b. Wordsboro, Vt.
Maiden Name Mary Ann Barry
Came to this county 1834
Married (1) Benjamin P. Pierce 25 Dec. 1833
(2) Dennison Fox
d. 11 January 1892 Age 77y 4m 22d
Obit: *Steuben Republican* p. 4

GALE George L.
b. Ohio
Came to this county in 1837
d. 6 December 1891 Cowley, KS Age 74y

HALL James Mill
b. Washington County, New York
Came to Branch County Michigan near Ray 1844
then to Nevada Mills 1861
Wife Mary Ford
d. 15 February 1892 Nevada Mills Indiana
Age 71 (70y. 11m. 12 d.)
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 24 February 1892 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 799 Jamestown

HANSELMAN David
b. Pennsylvania
Came to this county 1845
d. 7 July 1892 Shreve, OH Age 80
Cem. Bk. p. 820 Circle Hill Sec. 11 Lt. 32
No marker hdst. "father"

HEATH Mary Jane
b. 1830 Chenago County, New York
Came to this county in 1836
Parents Benjamin and Sabra C. Rodgers Twitchell
Married Lymon Heath in 1852
d. 25 April 1892 Lake Gage IN Age 62
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 14 May 1892 p. 5
Cem Bk. p. 866 Lake Gage

HIGBY Philander
b. Trumbull County, Ohio
Came to this county 1836
Married 2, July 1842 Nancy C. Murry
d. 18 December 1891 Angola, Indiana
Age 72y. 3m. 9d.
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 23 December 1891 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 891 Lake Gage

HORTON Velorus
b. Holbrook, Conn
Came to this county 1845
Married 1 January 1850 Louisa Cutler
d. 20 November 1891 Orland Indiana
Age 57y 1m. 28d.
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 25 November 1891 p.
Cem. Bk. p. 916 Memorial Garden 67y. 1m. 28d

HUFFMAN Daniel
b. 6 March 1825 Columbiana County Ohio
Came to Indiana 1850

Married Wells Co. 31 Oct 1850 Margaret Osborn
d. 22 December 1891 Pleasant Lake, Indiana
Age 67years
1885 *History of Steuben County* p. 785
possible name Huffman
Obit: Steuben Republican 30 Dec 1891 p. 8

IMHOFF Christina
b. 20 October 1814 Germany
Came to this county 1848
d. 22 March 1892 Butler, Dekalb County, IN
Age 55
Cem. Bk. P. 954 Alvardo Row 6 st 1 55 y 2m 12d
Maiden name Christina Slaman
Wife of William Imhoff

JACKSON Theophilus
b. Livonia Livingston County, NY
Came to this county 1837
Married 21 March 1843 Mary A. Carter
D. 2 Dec. 1891 Pleasant Lake, IN Age 77y 1m 12d
1885 History of Steuben County pp 786-787
Obit *Steuben Republican* p. 5 9 December 1891
Cem. Bk. p. 972 Carter ROW 5 St. 17
Parents John L. and Hesadiah McMillan

KITTRIDGE Sophia
b. New York
Came to this county 1844
d. 7 April 1892 Burr Oak, Michigan Age 90
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 13 April 1892 p. 5
Cem Bk. p. 1056 Old Angola Cemetery St. 11
Husband Samuel B. Kittridge

KLINK Mary
b. July 1827 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania
Came to this county in 1847
Married Christian Klink
D. 22 Nov. 1892 Salem twp. Age 88 87y 8m 6d
Maiden Name Tailor
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 2 December 1891 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 1059 Mt. Zion Cemetery

KIMBALL Emma E.
See Emma E. BENNETT

McCLUE John
b. 27 August 1809 Montgomery County, NY
Came to this county 1836
d. 3 March 1892 Fremont, IN Age 83 83y6m6d
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 9 March 1892 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 1208 Jordan R7 St. 8
Wife Mariah Smith
Son of Alexander (Not Alex 1835-1910)

McClue Maria or Mariah
b. 31 May 1811 Schenectady, New York
Came to this county 1837
d. 12 February 1892 Fremont, IN Age 81 (80y8m)
Cem. Bk. p. 1208 Jordan Row 7 St. 8
Husband of J (John) McClue

MILNES Eve A
b. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Came to this county 1842
d. 19 November 1891 Age 77 76y10m17d
1885 History of Steuben County p. 571-572
Husband George A. Milnes
Maiden name Eva A. Blankley
Cem. Bk. p. 12 84 Jamestown Cemetery

MITCHELL William R.
b. 27 August 1816 Washington county, PA
Came to this county 1853
Wife Sabilla Knisely 5 October 1850
d. 25 Oct. 1891 York twp. Age 75 75yn 1m 28d
1885 History of Steuben County pp. 615-16
Masonic Memorial 11 October 1891 p. 5
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 4 Nov. 1891 p. 8
Cem. Bk. p. 1289 Circle Hill Cem. Sec. 11 Lt. 14
Parents John and Isabelle Mitchell

MOORE J. H. Dr.
b. Portage county, Ohio
Children: 10
d. 29 September 1891 Scott twp. Age 72
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 7 Cct. 1891 P. 5
Cem. bk, p. 1297 Jones Chapel Rw 12 St 10
Married 1. Abigale Lee Moore
2. Catherine Gushart
3. Harriet A. Holdridge

NEWTON Nelson
b. 28 March 1808 Rutland coounty, Vt.
Came to Vermont settlement now Orland
in September1835.
Married: 1. Mary Stocker d. 1842
2. Mrs. Caroline Green 22 June 1844
d. 3 January 1892 Orland, IN Age 83y 9m 6d
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 6 January 1892 p. 8
Cem. Bk. p. 1349

PIERCE Mary A.
See Mary A FOX

REDDING George
b. France
Came to this county 1861
d. 10 June 1892 Angola, IN Age 75y 8m
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 15 June 1892 p.1

RENNER Julia
b. 20 May 1808 Pennsylvania
Maiden name: Julia Bassocks
Came to Indiana 1844
Married John Renner 17 April 1834
d. 30 September 1891 near Hamilton Age 83
1885 History of Steuben County pp. 839840

Obit: *Steuben Republican* 7 October 1891 p.8
Cem. Bk. p. 1503 Hamilton Sec. EO Lot 384

ROBINSON A. B.
b. Steuben County N.Y.
Came to this county 1841.
Married: 1. Lovina Sprague
2 Margaret Sowels
d. 20 Nov. 1891 Jackson twp Age 72y 11m 10d
Cem. Bk. p. 1543 Lake Gage Cemetery
Note: A. B. ROBINSON is the father of the child buried on side of road at 800W & 350N.

RUMMEL Henry
b. 3 June 1802 Cumberland County, PA
Came to this county in 1844
Married. Elizabeth Pirkey
d. 8 July 1892 near Hamilton Age 90
1885 History of Steuben County p. 840
Cem. Bk. p. 1571 Hamilton Cemetery EO Lot 352

SCOVILLE Rosamond M.
b. 27 Dec 1817 Madison County, N.Y.
Came to this county 1837
d. 14 April 1892 Richland twp. 74y 3m 18d
Maiden name: Thompson
Married: Samuel W. Scoville 15 March 1837
1885 History of Steuben County p. 866
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 20 April 1892 p. 5
Cwm Bk. p. 1609 Bethel Row G St. 3

SISSON Lewis Pyre
b. 10 October 1817 Wayne Co N.Y.
Married: 1 Mary Gifford 10 October 1842
2 Catherine Strass 30 March 1880
d. 6 September 1891 Otsego twp. Age 74
1885 History of Steuben County p. 843
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 23 Sept. 1891 p.8
Cem. Bk. p. 1670 N. Otsego

SMILEY William
b. 2 August 1817 Tuscarawas County, Ohio
Married: 1841 Mrs Betsy Dwelly
Came to this county 1854
d. 16 October 1891 Scott twp. Age 74y 2m 14d
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 21 Oct. &
28 Oct 1891 p. 8
Cem. BK. p. 1680 Dygert Row y St. 11

SOMERLOTT Jonas
b. 22 June 1828 Stark Co Ohio
Came to this county 1849
Married: Mattie Talbot 29 March 1859
d. 13 December 1891 near Flint Age 63y 5m 21d
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 16 December 1891 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 1712 Flint Sec A Lot 19

SQUIER Henry
b. Ontario County N.Y.
Came to this county in 1843
d. 2 December 1891 Angola, IN 69y 7m 24d
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 9 December 1891 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 1731 Circle Hill Sec 9 Lot 19

SQUIER William
b. 21 June 1821 Ontario County N. Y.
Moved to Sandusky County, Ohio 1833
Came to this county in 1843
Married Eliz Burnside 1853
d. 23 October 1891 Angola, Indiana Age 70
Obit: *Steuben Republican* 28 October 1891 p. 8
Cem. Bk. p. 1732 Circle Hill Sec 11 Lot 23

TWITCHELL Mary Jane
See Mary Jane HEATH

WILDER Joseph H.
b. Cuba, Allegany County N.Y.
Married. Mary J. Shutts
d. 30 December 1891 Jamestown Age 63y 3m 17d
1885 History of Steuben County pp. 539-540
Obit. *Steuben Republican* 6 January 1892 p. 5
Cem. Bk. p. 1949 Jamestown

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Yes the *SCGS Quarterly* has won an award--certainly not for punctuality! The *Quarterly* has won an Honorable Mention in the Small Societiy division of the newsletter competition of the National Genealogical Society! I figure thats better than not being mentioned at all. One of the improvements will be the inclusion of lists of names from other than the founding period of the county, like the graduates list.

Now for the best improvement. A team has been assembled to assist the editor in the timely publication of the newsletter. They include:

Query Editor: Shirley Friel
Circulation Editor: Jerry Boyer
Activities Editor: Kathleen Oneill
Genealogy Editor: *Could Be You*
Keyboarding Editor: *Could Be You*
Mailing Editor: *Could Be You*

We still could use bible records, copied lists (marriage lists etc.) articles of geneological articles etc. Contributors include: Peg Dilbone, Old Settlers, and Graduates; Ami Ridenour and Melodie Gravitt Layout advice; Darlene Ridenour, Proofreading.

Steuben County H. S. Graduates

Angola High School
1920

Pauline Hanselman Barto		Plainwell, Mich.
Dae Whitman Butz Reed		Angola, Ind.
Glen Coe		Angola, Ind..
Floiad Collins		Sturgis, Mich.
Donald Creel	M.D.	Angola, Ind.
Marian Croxton Shaab		Auburn, Ind.
Wilma Powers Ellis		Boston, Mass.
Cora Baker Essex		Dewitt, Ark.
Elizabeth Evans		Detroit, Mich.
Ethel Shippey French		Jackson, Mich.
Don Hammond		Orland, Ind.
Clarence Harmon		Pleasant Lake, Ind.
Glen Harman		Deceased
Joan Heckenlively Evans		Colorado Springs Colo.
Clara Hirsch Higgins		Angola, Ind.
Louis Holderness		Cailfornia
Harold Martin		Angola, Ind.
Herman Mast	Dentist	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Clifton Metzgar	Civil Engineer	Gary, Ind.
Marian Metzgar Griffin		Berwyn, Ill.
Garcile Miller		
Clarence Miller		Angola, Ind.
Pauline Miller Simons		Los Angeles, Cailf.
Ronald Owens		Angola, Ind.
Mary E. Peck Dossman		Cailfornia
Ralph Redding		Angola, Ind.
Wilma Rinehart Taylor		Flint, Mich.
Ethel Harman Roberts		Muncie, Ind.
Wava Shoup		Bronson, Mich.
Louisa Hetzler Smith		Angola, Ind.
Opal Sutton		Fremont, Ind.
Eleanor Terry		Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Harold Zimmer		Angola, Ind.

1921

Beulah Boyer Martin		Angola, Ind.
Beulah Latson Brooks		Deceased
Iva Butz Magley		Angola, Ind.
Helen Cline		Deceased
Ruth Cook Miles		Metuchen, N. J.
Charles Crain		Deceased
Hazel Easterday		Edon, Ohio
Ralph Fast	U.S. Navy	Arlington, Va.
Wandalee Fast Sarber	Teacher	Paducah, Ky.
Harold Garret		Fort Wayne, Ind.
Frederic Graf	U.S. Navy	Annapolis, Md.
Catherine Frazier Johnson		Homer, Ill.
Howard Johnson		Olivet, Mich.
Ned Lowther		Owosso, Mich.
Leah Leiniger Mcclure		Fort Wayne, Ind.
Marion Pillsbury	Salesman	Coldwater, Mich.
Mary Pogue Arnold		Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mark Sanders	Farmer	Angola, Ind.
Clyde Spade	Mgr. Creamery	Auburn, Ind.
George Stiefel		Indianapolis, Ind.

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Hamilton High School
1920

Howard Aldrich	Doctor	Indianapolis, Ind.
Blaine Dailey	Deceased	
Rex Dirrim	Barber	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Wayne Dixon		Denver, Colo.
Charles Eddy	Farmer	Hamilton, Ind.
Lloyd Sewell		Tera Haute, Ind.
Anne Baxter Carrie	Housewife	Ontario, Canada.
Waneta Brown Kuhlman	Housewife	Auburn, Ind.
Murel Dirrim Healey		Detroit, Mich.
Hilda Gates Rader	Housewife	Miami, Fla.
Reba Helms Rohleder	Housewife	Hamilton, Ind.
Prentice Teegardin		Madison Wisconsin.
Erdine Jackson	Housewife	Pleasant Lake, Ind.

1921

Olive Gurter Wagner	Teacher	Butler, Ind.
Mary J. Chilcotte Bopp	Teacher	Hamilton, Ind.
Irene Penick Hobson	Housewife	Pleasant Lake, Ind.
Vella Dirrim	Deceased	
Eugene Griffith	Dentist	Jacksonville, Fla
Herbert Howard	Farmer	Hamilton, Ind.
Angus Mock	Factory Worker	Jackson, Mich.
Claude Richey	Farmer	Garret, Ind.

This List of Alumni Was Taken from the 1953 Yearbook *The Hamilton High School Anchor*

Orland High School
1920

Ralph Brugh	Bronson, Michigan
Harold Hunter	Orland, Indiana
Pauline Lower	Orland, Indiana
Esther Rude Warrington	Angola, Indiana
Audree Siebel	Orland, Indiana
Gard Thomas	Burr Oak, Michigan
Agustus Willer	Burr Oak, Michigan

1921

Arthur Jackson
Kayrol Kelso
Lillian Lucas
Julia Nichols
Wava Pocock

This List of Alumni Was Taken from "Orland High School Graduates18801965 Steuben County Indiana" Compiled by Jean Ann Knight Childers July 29, 1991

Meetings

Regular meetings of the **SCGS** are held on the third Monday of each month at the Angola Carnegie Public Library 322 South Wayne Street Angola, Indiana in the upstairs meeting rooms 7:00 PM, unless otherwise stated. ***You do not need to be a member to attend! The public is expressly inDvited to attend!***

August 18

Trunk Show

Ida and Denver Hamman will be sharing their historical program with a trunk full of treasures. Members and guests are encouraged to join in and bring their "What's This" with them. Maybe someone will be able to identify your "What's This" !

Sept. 21

Ancestors

The Ansestor's tapes [from the PBS series] are going to be explained at the September meeting. To go along with this tape program there will be an alternate time for a group to meet for viewing and discussing the tapes.

Ashley High School
1920

*Anthony Bloomeke
Mildred Mintaer Mcclish
Iva Mintzer
*Vern Duncan
Dorthea Penick Nichols
Ruth Benjamin Flannery
Ted C. Lacy
Clinton Hilton
Blanche Favorite Erwin

1921

Laurence Doty Arthur
Llyod Miller
Walter Renner
Aileen Sharrit Bright
Karl Scattegood
Homer Stomm
John Shore

Taken from The Ashley Year Book which list alumni 1896-1956

Fremont High School
1920

Wilma Wade
Blanche Gier Gary
Marguerite Randels Leas
Arlien Pifer
Edith Shaw Wanholm
Dorothy Borton Merrill
Helen Mulchahey Miller Wilkins
Lena Elliot Lee
Helen Penner Walter
Imo Parson Walter
Lucy Ewing Buckels
Clarence Pinchon
Leonard Thorwald
Maynard Stroh
Ralph Harding
Conn Smith

1921

Bessie Wade Bauer
Frank Dally
Geraldine McNaughton
Esther Wartenbe
Elbert Reed
Inez Allen Harshman
Alvis Eastom Barrett
Fay Mertz
Alice Coldsnow Fales
Helen Duguid Welling
Lorene Brown
Stedman Burlingame
Franklin Davenport
Willard Green
Verl Houseman Ireland
Herbert McMurray
Emorey McMurray
Edith Kinsey Cope

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Metz High School
1920

Violet Enterline
Charles Healey
Ruth Gilbert
Madge Snyder
Walter Fee
Loentine Gilbert
Evadna Dally
Olis Lash
Verna Heller

1921

Canton Bishop
Wayne Burch
Walter Jenksins
Ardis Hand
Terry Vaughn
Floyd Knoll
Cora Bennett
Wilma Brown
Lana Ryan
Florence Moor
Harold Wicoff
Kenneth Bishop
Lucille Wicoff
Verna Barron
Meris Lower
Edgar Morely

Taken from "Metz School Memoirs" Published by Metz Alumni Association 1984

Bible Record

As recorded in an 1841 Martin Luther German Bible:

William Koch and Ellanor Keiffner was united in the bonds of marriage, Sunday, the twentyeth of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four 1834

Births

Samuel Koch was born August the twenty fifth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four 1834
George Koch was born March the twenty fourth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight 1838
Nathaniel Koch was born May the twenty-eighth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty 1840
Augustus & Elizabeth Koch was born July nineteenth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty-two 1842
Isabella Koch was born August twenty-six in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six 1846
Wm Koch was born October the twenty-first in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ten 1810
Ellanor Keiffner was born July second in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve 1812

Deaths

Samuel Koch, son of William and Ellen Koch departed his life at Mounkchunk the twenty-fourth day of April at seven o'clock in the morning in the year 1848."
In the back of the Bible is written "Mr. William Cook, Salem, Indiana 1875"

My findings on these people

No death recorded for William, Sr., & Ellanor (Koch) Cook.
They were married in Reading, Berks, PA. Nathaniel cook, my grandfather, married Adaline Slater in 1865. Nathaniel died1917. Adeline died 1912.
Augustus cook married Rachel Catherine Stover in 1870. Augustus died before 1928. "Kate" died after 1928.
Elizabeth Cook married George A. Null in 1864 in Warren Co. IL. Elizabeth died 1912. George died 1928.
Isabella (Mary) Cook married Peter Swager in 1864. Isabella died 1936. Peter died 1926.
William H. cook married Malinda Hanselman in 1870. William died 1928. Malinda (Lin) died 1932.

Beverly Cook Farver

William Koch (Cook) was my paternal great-grandfather

Queries

When submitting queries, type them if possible. Queries that are short, concise and ask a specific question are more apt to get results. Your queries should be no longer than 50 words. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL QUERIES YOU WANT PUBLISHED TO THE SOCIETY ADDRESS AND INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

Shirley Phillips Friel
Query Editor

BARKER, McMILLAN

JAYNE KLINE OLSEN, 3216 Crickwood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46268. Seeking info. on family of John Barker and Hannah (McMillan) Barker who lived in Helmer/Stroh area ca. 1862. Hannah's father was John McMillan. John and Hannah's ch: P.A., Harry, William, Noble N. all b. in OH, Cora, Josephine, and Homer b. in Steuben Co., IN. John McMillan, John and Hannah Barker all brd. in Wright Cemetery, Steuben Co., IN.

CURRY, HAMMAN, MUSSER, RICHEY, DETRICK, PACKER, BOWMAN

SCOTLAND M. VINCENT, 3589 Co Rd 36, Auburn, IN 46706. Researching Adam and Rebeca (Curry) Hamman. Poss. dau. Ida Hamman/Hammond m. Harvey Musser who had dau. Effie Musser m. Ozro Richey. Ozro's father Corpl. Adam Richey. Have found four Adam Richeys (m. Susan Hamman, m. Alice Detrick, m. Henritta Packer, m. Susan Bowman). Would appreciate any info. on these families.

WHITTAKER (WHITAKER), DeFUR

Henry and Alberta Whitaker, P.O. Box 26, Robinson, IL 62454-0026. Hpwhit@juno.com Seeking info. on Jacob Whittaker (Whitaker) and Mary Ann (DeFur) Whittaker lived in Steuben Co., IN in the 1840's to 1851. Supposedly buried in Steubenville.

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PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

gust 18, 1997: "Trunk Show" At the August meeting Denver and Ida Hamman, sented a "Trunk Show". Tables were laden with items that had once been treasures or nk to someone else, including some fun "What's-this" items. The audience also rticipated with antiques that they had brought to share with the group. Denver and Ida mman presented an interesting aspect to the genealogy group...the personal side. minding us that the data we search for so passionately for also can have a personal side. eir humor and knowledge of the things they brought to share helped to make the evening enjoyable learning experience.

PCOMING EVENTS...YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS !!!

ptember 15, 1997: ANCESTORS September's meeting will contain a viewing of the first pe in the popular PBS *Ancestors* series. There will be a sign up sheet available for all that e interested in continuing to view, discuss and work through this program as a special oup project.

ptember 20-21, 1997: FALL FEST Join in the fun at the annual **Fall Fest** that will be ld at the Community Building, Angola, IN. The SCGS is hosting a booth, some will be costume, too! Don't miss the opportunity to visit with us at the Fall Fest. Hope to meet u there!

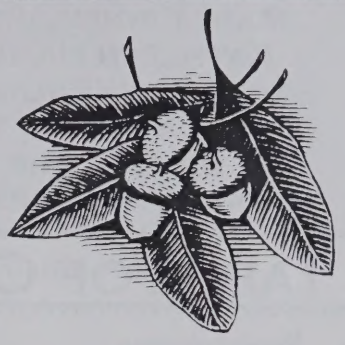
ctober 20, 1997: SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Bring your stories (and pictures!) and e prepared to hear some, too! An interesting evening will be brought to you...unless you ink it may be toooo scary. The evening will surround around some of the strangest stories at we have heard or ones we have experienced. Be they legends, folk lore or true. Most enealogist have had a time or two that they have encountered something that wasn't quite s they expected! As our loved Pres., Peg, says, "Let the Skeletons come out to play!"

November 17, 1997: A HEREDITARY LOOK IN GENEALOGY

November will give us a new view to genealogy. We have asked a medical doctor to come nd present to us information on Hereditary in Genealogy. There will be time for questions nd answers after the Doctor's presentation to answer our questions. How often have you ound that a medical situation continues generation after generation?! Come and find out why or what we can do to try and head off any that are coming our way!

December 15, 1997: Come Join the Party with your Genealogy Family!

We are celebrating the onset of winter and all the joys that come with it. (No, not the snow nd ice that limits us from getting around.) This is a time to enjoy and celebrated the ones we have so often worked so hard to find! The Holiday time is approaching, let's share the evening with the "Genealogy Family". (Psst!—Bring one wrapped "White Elephant", and enjoy the evening! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!



SPECIAL MENTION

The Society has had the honor of recieving some very special gifts.

Thank you, **Luella Shumpert** for the Marriage Certificate that you donated. This Certificate was delivered by Julie Duncan at the March 1997 meeting. The marriage Certificate was then presented to Don Hiner, Director of Carnegie Public Library. Thank You!

Thank you , also goes to: **Jack Van Wagner**! There is now a new addition to the Genealogy Department! Thank you, Mr. Van Wagner for donating the book: *The Genealogy of Jacob Aertsen Van Wagenen of Wageningen, Holland 1637-1994*

Luella Shumpert and Jack Van Wagner...Thank you!

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Members: Your contributions are always welcome to this newsletter. Please submit Queries, Bible information, Obits, Genealogies, or other Genealogical data!

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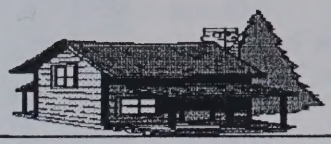

FAMILY REUNIONS

BOYER and NOLL Jerry Boyer, PO Box 576, Angola, IN 46703. (219)-833-1357

DOUDT (DOUBT)- Pat Harrington, 4600 N. 700W, Angola, IN 46703

DUNHAM/FERRIER/BEACH/PHILLIPS Shirley Friel, 1104 Crestview Dr. Angola, IN 46703

FRIEND/NICHOLAS-David Christlieb, Albion, IN.

HAMMAN- 3rd Sat in August. Kathleen Hamman O'Neill, PO Box 292, Hamilton, IN 46742 email: rsrchetal@locl.net

RIDENOUR- 3rd Sun. in July. Rip Ridenour, 1600 W 110 N, Angola, IN 46703 (219)-665-3026 email: ripfr@locl.net

If you would like to add your Steuben Reunion to this list please contact us with your information.

MEETINGS

Steuben County Genealogical Society meets on the third Monday of each month. Meetings are held at Carnegie Public Library, 322 South Wayne, Angola, Indiana, in the Big Meeting room, at the top of the stairs. Usual time for meetings to begin is 7:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. You do not need to be a member to attend! The public is invited to attend and participate!

If you haven't visited the web site for Steuben County, drop in and stay awhile. Pages of information is there for you to enjoy. Updated and added to weekly! (This web site is NOT a part of SCGS...it is the sole responsibility of the County Coordinator for Steuben County...Kathleen Hamman)
http://members.tripod.com/~Hammanoneill/steuben.html

QUERIES:

BURCH

Connie Hollis, 265 63rd St., South Haven, MI 49090. Researching the family of Oliver Burch who had ch: Chester Burch, Henry Burch, Oliver Burch, Baker Burch, Eliza Burch, Emily Burch, Matilda Burch, Darcus Burch, Edy Burch, William Burch, and Gralie Burch. Rumor states that he had 7 wives. Know of wives: Caroline, Elizabeth, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Eliza. Oliver Burch, Jr., b. Ohio, listed in 1830 OH census. Nothing in 1840. Steuben Co., IN in 1850 and 1860. May have moved to MI. Was trader who drove oxen from MI and IN to CA.

WISE

Barbara W. Symons, 22381 Pearl Beach Rd., Coldwater, MI 49036. Who were parents of Christian Wise (wife: Minerva)? He lived in Angola, moved to Coldwater, died in Jackson, MI in 1904 and buried in Coldwater. Ch: Clare Wise, Lester Wise, Fred Wise, Carrie Wise, and Lois Wise.

ANGOLA FRIENDS AND SENTIMENTS

1901
Republican Print
Angola, Indiana

Favorite Quotations.

W. S. Gandy.
Every man stamps his own value on himself, and we are great or little according to our own will. — Smiles.

Billy Butler.
Our boat is asleep on Serchio's stream;
Its sails are folded like thoughts in a dream. — Shelley.

Harry Snyder.
Heaven has willed it that the United States shall live. The nations of the earth cannot spare them. — Bancroft.

Mrs. Alta Carpenter.
Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. — Bible.

Leona Bodley. One hour of one day happily spent, Is worth a season of discontent.	Selection.
Mrs. Carrie Brown. Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise.	Gray.
Carrie Vandervort. To learn such a simple lesson, Need I go to Paris or to Rome, That the many make the household, But only one the home?	Lowell.
Sabylla W. Cramer. To live in heart we leave behind is not to die.	Campbell
Mrs. M. Macartney. Sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care, The death of each day's life, sore labor's bath, Balm of hurt minds, great Nature's second course, Chief nourisher in life's feast.	Shakespeare.
Lena Lovejoy. How know I that I am alive? So only as I thrive On truth, whose sweetness keeps the soul Vigorous and pure and whole; Heaven's health within is immortality, The life that is and evermore shall be.	Larcom.
I. A. Melendy. All nature is but art unknown to thee All chance, direction, which thou canst not see; All discord, harmony not understood; All partial evil, universal good: And, spite of pride, in errings reason's spite, One truth is clear, whatever is, is right.	Pope.

Carnegie Library is Bursting with Data!

Carnegie Library is bursting with more genealogical aides than ever before! Don Hiner, Director of Carnegie Library, has seen to it that the Genealogy Department now houses some data filled CD's. Here is a recent listing of the CD's that are now available to look into at the library.

The following CD's are among the new listings of the Carnegie Library's Latest Purchases!

The Marriage Bundle from Family Tree Maker, contains the marriage records of 3 million people from 1200 counties in 23 states. Marriage records from the CD's make it easy to locate the females maiden name! There are 12 CD's included in this Bundle each filled with recorded marriages.

The Census bundle is an 11 CD set that indexes up to 31 million individual census records from all of our 50 states. There is a CD containing a census for the early colonial times. The other ten CD's cover one decade each for the years 1790 to 1880. The Census Index CD will help you to learn which state, county, locality, year and page number they are listed on of the original census record.

Dates for the Indiana Census are 1800 to 1870. The 1870 Series containing the US Census are: Western Pennsylvannia, Eastern Pennsylvannia, New York City and other counties, Baltimore, Chicago and St. Louis. Also there is North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Georgia.

Immagrants to The New World, 1600-1800's, is a CD that has listings of 58,000 individuals who arrived between 1572 and 1878 in New England and the Mid-Atlantic states. The alphabetical name index may provide information an the name of ship that they arrived on, ports and dates of departure and arrival, names of wife and children, ages, occupation, religion, place of origin or residence, and also might include naturalization dates. Information on each passenger varies due to the source of the data recieved.

Virginia Vital Records CD lists up to 130,000 individuals. This is the largest CD existing with genealogical data for the State of Virginia. Included you will find: marriage records, will records, land records, military records, and tax records.

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Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families CD holds 74,000 individuals from Pennsylvania and the Delaware Valley. This includes several hundred family histories that refer to their German, English, Welsh, Dutch, Scotch-Irish and French origins. This CD also has an alphabetical name index, which makes it user friendly.

The Ohio Vital Record, Volume #1, 1800-1850 covers a variety of source materials. These include naturalization records, baptism's, abstracts, marriages, estates, wills, deaths, cemetery's, divorces, indenture, apprenticeships, land grants, deeds, and minister's licenses. largely this covers 76 of the 88 counties in OH. Most of the material is for years 1800 to 1850.

Ohio Vital Records, Volume #2, 1750's-1880's contains new data on tombstone inscriptions (age and date of death, and sometimes the names of a spouse, children and/or parents). This CD also includes Newspaper abstracts, Tax Lists, Vital Records, Wills, Bible Records, and Family Histories.

Genealogical Abstracts of the Revolutionary War Pension Files CD are taken from the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files that are on the Microfilm Series M804 and 805 at the National Archives. This CD contains thousands of births, marriages and deaths that pre-date 1800 and some that is pre-1700.

Index to Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811 includes an index for the soldier, his rank, unit, and dates served. There are over 22,000 entries. Some may also include information on date and place of entering service, discharge, reason for discharge, any furlough papers, personal or physical descriptions, or any correspondence regarding the soldier.

Social Security Death Index, 1937-1995 is a two CD set with over 50 million names. These names are for deceased people only and may contain information on their soundex code, dates of birth and death, social security number and where it was issued, zip of last known address, and zip of address that any death payments were to be sent and the primary location associated with it.

World Family Tree, Volumes 1-10 are actual Family trees submitted to Family Tree Maker. These trees date pre-1600-present.

Thank you Don Hiner for making this available to all the genealogists that do research at your fine library! These CD's are very helpful in locating different data that would sometimes be very inconvenient to locate and find. We look forward to the expanding, growing Genealogical Department!

ALUMNI STEUBEN COUNTY 1922

Angola High School

Adams, Wayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Allion, Marvin (City Deliveryman)	Angola, Indiana
Anspaugh Barnhart, Martha	Indianapolis, Indiana
Anspaugh, Ralph	Angola, Indiana
Baker MacFaden, Mildred	Little Rock, Arkansas
Burns, Ruth (Teacher)	Wauseon, Ohio
Cramer, Carl (Civil Engineer)	Oakland, California
Cravens, Berneice	Kansas City, MO
Dolph, Harold	Angola, Indiana
Doudt Aldrich, Wauneta	Indianapolis, Indiana
Elliott Brown, Lucile	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Emerson, Lawrence	Angola, Indiana
Frazier Cook, Myrtle	Detroit, Michigan
Greenly, Earl	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Burkhalter Hardy, Freda	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Harman, Hugh	Angola, Indiana
Hoagland, Vern	Angola, Indiana
Honess, Leon	Angola, Indiana
Hunt, Nellie	Angola, Indiana
Jackson, Russell	Angola, Indiana
James, Harold	Omaha, Nebraska
Mast, Carl	Chicago, Illinois
Maxton, Carrol	Butler, Indiana
McDormand, Adah	Angola, Indiana
Miller Sonnon, Allee	Angola, Indiana
Miller, Jett	Angola, Indiana
Morely, Bayne	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Ransburg Marsh, Pauline	Oakland, California
Rose, John , Teacher	Angola, Indiana
Sellers Hogg, Mildred	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Shoup, Roy	Detriot, Michigan
Shumann Hubbard, Viviene	Angola, Indiana
Story, Helen	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Swift, Wayne	Angola, Indiana
Taylor, Aileen	Washington, D. C.
Wheaton, Lawrence	Deceased
Parsell White, Georgia	South Bend, Indiana
Williamson, Ralph	Angola, Indiana
Willis, Eloise	Newfoundland
Woods, Theodore	Angola, Indiana
Wyatt, Lily	Angola, Indiana

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Ashley High School

Allen, Cornelius
Benjamin Kern, Ethel
Ducan Albright, Vera
Frederick, Trevor
Huinga Allen, Ruth
Havarter, Harley
Mintzer, Raymond
Miller Kopp, Agnes
Mansdorfer, Earl
Mansdorfer, Elmer
Osborne Johnson, Martha
Robinett Penick, Dorothy
Sutherland, Jay
Stromm Norton, Anna
From the Ashley Yearbook Which Lists Alumni 1896-1956

Fremont High School 1922

Borat McElhenie, Ellen
Clark Kiethly, Mable
Dotts Carpenter, Bess
Ferguson Davis, Dulana
Gill Dotts, Helen
McNauughton Mouney Singleton, Rosamond
Mounts Weiss McMillen, Jessie
Neutz Jenks, Mildred
Pifer, Dale
Pinchon Headley, Wava
Ray, Maria
Snyder Shoudell, Lois
Straw, Lewis
Waters Barry Cupp, Marion
Compiled by Maynard Stafford and maintained by Fremont HS

Orland High School

Bachelor, Vera B.
Duke, Erma M.
Hackett, Glenn
Neihardt, Dorothy E.
Nichols, H. Ralph
Parker, Harry H.
Shafer, Maud A.
Stuck, George
Vail, Florence

—>List taken from "Orland High School Graduates 1880-1965 Steuben County Indiana" Compiled by J. A. Childers 1991

Hamilton High School

Crow, Glen
Keyes, Eleanor (Housewife) Powhatan, Ohio
Wing, Gaylord (Railroad) Toledo, Ohio
Goudy Zimmer, Dorothy (Housewife) Pleasant Lake, IN
Duncan, Raymond (Foreman) Fort Wayne, IN
Richey Rosenberry, Grace Deceased
Wright Teegardin, Alta (Housewife) Madison, WI
Brown, Hollis (Deceased)
Metz, Pauline (Teacher) Butler, IN
Eddy Dohner, Zamma (Housewife)Butler, IN
Sickles Eddy, Laura (Housewife)Hamilton, IN
Foutz, Virgil (Businessman) Angola, Indiana

This list was taken from the 1953 Yearbook Hamilton High School Anchor

Metz High School

Blackman, Luana
Brandenberry, Carol
Daily, Joy
Kogin, Denver
Porter, Floyd
Rose, Helen
VanPelt, Forest
Williams, Jack

Taken from "Metz School Memoirs" Published by Metz Alumni Association 1984

Steuben County Family Histories Available at Carnegie Public Library

n each forthcoming issue, a letter or several letters of this listing of family histories located in Carnegie Library will be included. We would be pleased if you would contribute your history to be included in months ahead. Copies may be obtained at the library or from us at a nominal charge.

"D"

Dando	see Dando-Helme
Daubendiek	see Jacob
David	see Shoemaker
Davison	see Perkins
Deetz	see Hovarter, Warner
Deming Family	
Denison	see Denman, Gates
DeWitt,	see Conner, Owens
Dickens	see Graves
Dickinson	
Dillion	see Vickers
Dilse	see Stayner
Doty, Edward	on shelf
Doty, Silas	
Doty	see Opple
Doubt (Doudt)	see Bolin
Duguid, Wm.	(descendants on shelf)
Dunham	see Friel, Hungerford, Ferrier Gibboney and Kellogg
Dygert	4 pamphlets history

"E"

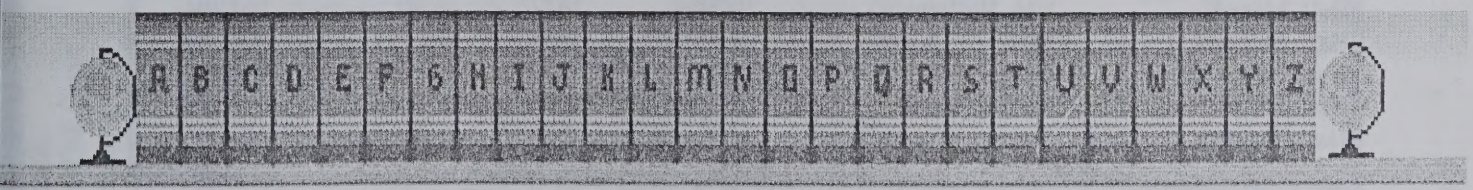
Eatinger	
Eberly	see Adams
Eby	see Barnes, Hershet, Reiff (top shelf)
Eckman	(on shelf) see Adams, Coursey, Johnston, Macon, McHenry
Eddy	see Case
Edwards	(in file on shelf) Aldrich, Boyer, Jackman, Smiley
Elfland	see Sharp
Eggleston	and Allied Families

"E"

Eldridge	see Tri-State Heritage
Ellis	see Pattee
Ellis	see Gates
Elloitt, Samuel	(legal file on shelf)
Emerson	see Klink
English	see Kensill, Tyler
Eschelman	see Adams
Evertts (Everett)	see Betz, Haynes, Smart

"F"

Faw	see Phillips
Fee	see Kepler
Feller	see Beltz
Fellows	see Kirk
Ferrers	see Austin
Ferrier	see Dunham, Beach, Kellogg
Fetters	see Berlien
Fields	see Holsinger
Fields and Congeneric families	
Filby	see Perkins
Fink	see Alwood
Fonks	see Hawkins
Firestone	see Whysong
Fisher	see Rathbun, Hawkins
Flint	see Keith
Folck	see Freligh
Foster, Julia family	
Fox	see Smith
France	see Vickers, Franklin Family
Franklin	see Raymoure
Freer	see Reeves
Freese	see Youngbloods (on shelf)
Freligh	see Bible records, Folck



Marriage Records for Steuben County, Indiana 1832-1890 (Hafer to Hall)

Source: Marriage Record for Steuben County, Indiana 1832-1890

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Hafer, Franklin S.	Norman, Willimia B.	17 October	1888	Steuben County, Indiana
Hafer, John W.	Wagner, Mary Emily	23 December	1880	Steuben County, Indiana
Haferty, Thomas E.	Rummel, Clarinda A.	12 October	1878	Steuben County, Indiana
Haff, Francis	Franklin, Sarah	18 April	1850	Steuben County, Indiana
Hagenbaugh, James O.	Taylor, Jane	17 October	1861	Steuben County, Indiana
Hagerty, John	Garter, Caroline	13 November	1859	Steuben County, Indiana
Hagerty, Mary E.	Praul, Edwin	15 September	1888	Steuben County, Indiana
Haggebaum, Hannah	Shaffstall, Adam	14 December	1867	Steuben County, Indiana
Haggerty, James S.	Dirrim, Mary E.	27 June	1874	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Adelbert D.	Trim, Lovina	19 January	1889	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, David	Osterhout, Prudence	21 June	1859	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Elizabeth (Hanes)	Thompkins, Peter	02 January	1886	Steuben County, Indiana
{N. R. Licensed for Haines and Thompkins}				
Haines, Harriet P.	Madison, William	05 December	1886	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Jennie	Hopkins, George E.	20 February	1879	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, John L.	Elcore, Mary	08 November	1857	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, John S.	Haines, Lovina	10 April	1860	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, John	Simmons, Maria	10 February	1867	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, John	Tritch, Margaretta	14 May	1869	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Lydia	Noddings, James	05 May	1863	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Malvina	Parker, Samuel	01 January	1867	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Margaret	Fast, Jesse W.	05 March	1865	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Martin	McLain, Pamela E.	29 March	1863	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Mattie	Crampton, William J.	15 April	1887	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Mitchell	Wolf, Sarah	01 December	1885	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Parmelia	Worley, Harvey B.	06 September	1885	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Rebecca	Rowles, Francis	07 July	1872	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Samuel	Arnold, Sally A.	06 March	1873	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Samuel	Morehouse, Mary	06 April	1869	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Sarah	Slick, James	09 February	1860	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Susan V. {Hanes}	Highes, Lester J.	26 April	1890	Steuben County, Indiana
Haines, Thomas W.	Ryan, Nancy	15 April	1868	Steuben County, Indiana
Hale, Amos E.	Murphy, Rosa	01 May	1888	Steuben County, Indiana
Hale, Harriet E.	Berger, David P.	29 January	1861	Steuben County, Indiana
Hale, Samuel	Hall, Sarah	13 September	1868	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Alma	Rodgers, John B.	19 October	1880	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Angeline	Chambers, Alfred	05 December	1880	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Charles	Sickles, Mary	16 March	1878	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Daniel	Bullard, Helen	24 October	1874	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Dema E.	Brown, John C.	28 October	1878	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Eliza Ann	Case, George H.	28 September	1854	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Jefferson	Bevington, Mary A.	13 April	1872	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Joseph	Watkins, Huldah	26 October	1871	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, M. K.	Stout Lydia	26 March	1884	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Mary E.	Johnson, Lyman	04 July	1878	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Mary E.	Uhl, William W.	10 May	1877	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Melvina	McGrew, James	01 March	1868	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Samantha	Cory, Daniel	05 February	1870	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Sarah	Hale, Samuel	13 September	1868	Steuben County, Indiana
Hall, Thomas	Weaver, Kizzie	20 November	1878	Steuben County, Indiana

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Steuben County Cemetery Map

1 Jamestown
2 Carleton/Oak Grove
3 Greenlawn
4 Memorial Grove
5 Lake Gage
6 Jackson Prairie
7 Flint
8 Crockett
9 Crain
10 Block
11 Mount Zion
12 Hollister
13 Trinity
14 Wright
15 Circle/Hudson
16 County Line
17 Ray/ Coventer
18 Bower
19 Clear Lake Baptist
20 Clear Lake Lutheran
21 Fremont
22 Teeters
23 Lakeside
24 Jordan
25 York
26 Jones Chapel
27 Dygert
28 Sowle
29 Cope
30 Old Angola
31 Powers
32 Circle Hill
33 South Scott
34 Mount Pleasant
35 Metz
36 Amish
37 North Otsego
38 Teegardin
39 Pleasant Lake
40 Alvarado
41 Otsego Center
42 Carter
43 Bethel
44 Hamilton
45 Clark
46 Prince of Peace

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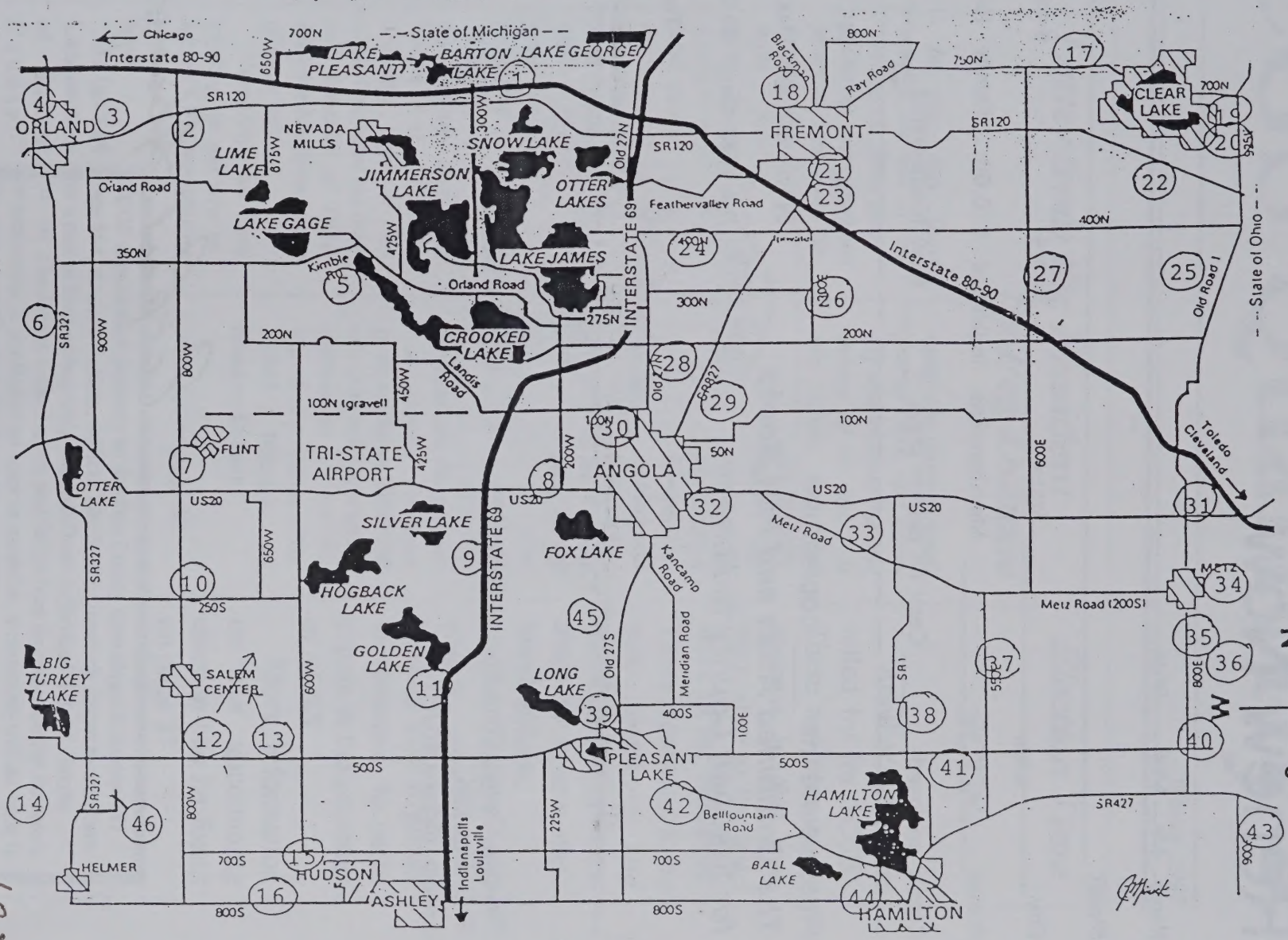

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Letter from the President by Peg Dilbone

In just two short months, we will be beginning our third year.

*During our first two years we have been fortunate to have featured many programs with speakers who are expertise in their fields. Our first year we published "***Combined Atlases and Plat books of Steuben County***", which included included the original landplat of 1831. We have less than twenty of these left!*

*Currently we are working on our new releases. We are offering a brand new book, "***Original Landowners of Steuben County***." This book was complied by* **Quentin WATKINS** *using the original landplat of 1831, and drawing and labeling the first owners of the land. It was edited by* **Alice ALDRICH** *Both are members of the* **Steuben County Genealogical Society**. *We thank them for all the time and effort they have put into this project.*

A special thankyou goes to **Jerry BOYER** *who has indexed another publication we are doing. It is a reprint of the "***1885 History of Steuben County***."*

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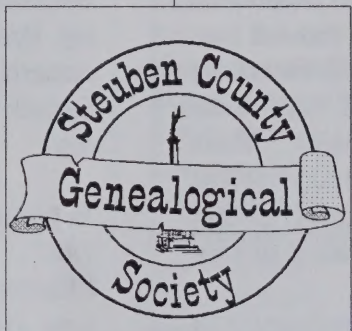

3 Years Old !!!

Election Time

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SCGS

Another year has rolled by for ***SCGS.***. There has been many success in this past year, due to the hard work of the members. There continues to be new members and members that continue to renew their memberships.

The Society welcomes genealogists, ranging from beginner to seasoned, to particapate in the activities of ***SCGS.***

More information on the upcomming election can be found on page 37.

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Recent and Future Events of SCGS

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September 15, 1997
The first tape of **Ancestors** was viewed and dicussed. The following tapes in the series are scheduled to be seen at 6:15 PM, prior to the regular monthly program meeting.

September 20-21, 1997
The "**Fall Fest**" in Angola, IN was a success! Thanks to all who participated with this.
*****The winner of the drawing was **Robyn MARSHALL** of Angola. *****
Congratulations, Robyn!
This was draw at the October 20th meeting by **Andrew LYTLE**, the youngest guest of the evening...
Thanks, Andrew, for coming!

October 20, 1997
Weird but true, it was quite an interesting evening. The room was full of exciting, eerie, scary, and hilarious stories. Thanks to all who were brave enough to come and to those who were brave enough to share!

November 17, 1997
The evening started with honorary plaques given to **Quentin WATKINS** and **Jerry BOYER** for the tremendous contributions towards the society.
THANKS!!!
Hereditary and genealogy go hand in hand. The program was planned to have a doctor as guest speaker, however due to scheduling problems, this was not possible. The SCGS viewed the **ANCESTORS** tape about hereditary research. There were also several handouts regarding medical history and how to relate it to your genealogy.
The January meeting will be the follow up to this meeting with **Dr. Patricia BADER** as guest speaker.

December 15,1997
Bring a "White Elephant" which needs to be gift wrapped for the auction. This auction will be hosted by our own **Pat HARRINGTON.** She will be our auctioneer for the evening. (I wouldn't miss it!) Sure to be a wonderful "family" evening for all!

January 19, 1997
Genetics in Genealogy. **Dr. Patricia BADER,** of Fort Wayne, will be the guest speaker. **Dr. BADER** explaining how we can research genetic factors in genealogy.

February 16, 1997
!!Election Time!! All members are urged to attend. The future of the society is up to us. Let's give it our best! Just think, we're actually help preserve Steuben County...and the ancestors we have from here.

Meetings are just one way for you to participate. Send in your family surnames. Volunteering is rewarding, join in

SCGS 1998!

Jan. 19, 1998
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STEUBEN COUNTY QUERIES

CAMPBELL -
Please reply to: Bonnie **WALSH** 3900E. North #K171, Greenville, SC 29615.
Seeking information on:
*John C. **CAMPBELL**, 1816-1898 Married 6 Nov 1870 to:: Anne M. **BERRIMAN**
*Obadaih A. **CAMPBELL**, and Anna M. **LEWIS**, married 22 Feb. 1887
*Daniel **CAMPBELL** and Lucy Ann **MEYERS** married 22 Mar 1857.

DELLER FIFER FORWARD
Laurie S. **LIGHTFOOT**, 10990 Regal Forest Drive, Suwanee, GA 30024-1500
Interested in connecting with other **FORWARD/FIFER** descendants. Looking for more info on Elizabeth **(DELLER) FIFER.**

Queries may be submitted to SCGS *Quarterly*. Bring and give to a board member or write: QUERY
Attn. "EDITOR", PO Box 884, Angola, IN 46703

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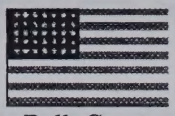

Spanish American Veterans

3rd. Regiment of Infantry Indiana National Guard who served in the Spanish American War

Ball, Grant
Barber, Edwin G.
Bartholomew, Carl
Bennett, Edgar
Bennett, George
Berlein, John S.
Brewer, Frank P.
Brower, George
Brown, Harley T.
Carpenter, Robert
Carrick, Thomas G.
Carrick, William E.
Clark, Edward C.
Clegg, Joseph H.
Clutter, Thomas J.
Cobert, James
Coffman, Francis M.
Crandall, Lorin
Davidson, Jacob W.
Denman, Ora
Drushal, Bert
Enzor, Freeman K.
Enzor, Isaac
Ewers, John L.
Fairchild, Edward
Faunce, John
Fee, Asa
Ferguson, William F.
Fletcher, Alburtus
Flint, Charles
Garwood, Ira O.
Gibson, George
Gilbert, Newton W.
Gillispie, Charles L.
Gleason, Charles
Gleason, Dudley W.
Green, Samuel
Griffith, George
Griffith, Lauren C.
Hall, Robert C.
Harmon, Worthy E.
Hathaway, Park
Heitz, Calvin W.
Holmes, Frank B.
Huffman, Wesley
Hyatt, Charles W.
Ingalls, Carl E.
Isenhour, Charles N.
Jackson, Homer
Jarrard, Bert
Jarrard, William L.
Johnston, Frank
Kemery, Carl A.
Kemery, Ernest D.
Kimes, Franklin M.
Kinney, Charles F.
Knapp, Orlando D.
Lahmon, Burr A.
Light, George P.
Lindersmith, Ernest
Lowther, Bart
Luse, Warren S.
Lutz, Robert, Jr.
Lybarger, Willard
Major, Cyrus
McConnell, George
McCuras, Leonidas L.
McNabb, Duane
Meeks, William
Metzgar, Irvin
Miller, Harry
Morse, Charles
Moses, Homer
Norton, Arthur
Norton, Edwin
Null, Perry
Parsons, William E.
Pattee, Frank J.
Persing, Frank
Playford, Ervin
Rockwell, Arthur E.
Scovell, George B.
Shank, Emmet
Shank, Hudson L.
Sharitt, Frank
Sherrard, Harry P.
Silbaugh, Morton
Smiley, Budd C.
Smith, Claude C.
Somerlott, Boston
Stocker, James C.
Strawser, Clarence
Stuck, Don G.
Sunday, Marshall
Sutton, Clyde
Sutton, John
VanPelt, Henry
Walberry, Llewallyn G.
Walberry, Perry O.
Weicht, Samuel
Willenar, John G.
Williamson, William E.
Wisely, David M.
Wolf , Harvey E.
Woodard, George M.
Woodford, Clair B.

Trivia - Easiest Quiz

1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?

2) Which country makes Panama hats?

3) From which animal do we get catgut?

4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?

5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?

6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what?

7) What was King George VI's first name?

8) What color is a purple finch?

9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

10) How long did the Thirty Years War last?

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EFFIE TOWN BIBLE

Contributor: Myrtle Rivers Tisdel. In front of the Bible it is written Effie Hughes 1915. There is no printed date in Bible. In places where the contributor has made comments, brackets have been used.

"Holy Matrimony Page"

Elmer **Hughes** and Effie **Town** — 25 October 1880 Gillead, Michigan
Witnesses: Lester M. **Marsh**, Justice; Julia **Marsh** Alvah **Town**

Marriages

Maybell **Hughes** and Adam **Shaffer** — 25 December 1902 at Flint Michigan
Lilly **Hughes** and Hervey **Stout** — 11 March 1908
Lucile **Stout** and Elmer **Rivers** — 14 February 1908
Alice May **Stout** and Ray O. **Miller** — 24 November 1926

Children's Names

Maybell **Hughes** — born 1885 [May 5, 1885]
Lilly **Hughes** — born 1884 [Oct 11, 1886]
Pearl **Hughes** — born and died December 26, 1884

Father

Elmer **Hughes** — born July 12-1862

Mother

Effie **Town** — born June 5-1862

Marriages

Charles **Stout** and Katherine **Hagelgans** — Feb 14-1931
Charles **Stout** and Mabel **Crow** — Jan 20, 1940

Deaths

Maybell **Hughes** — June 14, 1090 24 yr 1 mo 9 days
Effie **Hughes** — May 1, 1917 54 yr 11 mo 4 days
Elmer **Hughes** — Jan 21, 1922 59 yr 6 m 9 days
Lilly Rose **Hughes Stout** — March 6, 1951 64 yr 4 mo 23 days
Hervey W. **Stout** — October 20, 1955
Ray O. **Miller** — May 3, 1987
Charles **Stout** — May 3, 1986
Elmer **Rivers** — Feb 27, 1979

other page

Charles Thurman **Rivers** — born Dec 7, 1938
Myrtle June **Rivers** — born June 10, 1941
Lucile Audry **Rivers** — died May 6, 1996 sturgis, MI
Alice May **Miller** — died June 8 1988 Kendallville, IN
Alice May **Stout** — born LaGrange Co. IN Milford Twp. April 16, 1909
Charles Elmer **Stout** — born Jackson twp. Steuben Co IN July 20 1910
Audry Lucile **Stout** — born Jackson Twp Steuben Co IN
Margret Rose **Stout** — born March 24, 1925 & died
Walter **Stout** — born April 6, 1929 & died
Hervey W. **Stout** — was married to Mrs. Mary **Boyd** May 4, 1952

If you would like to contribute information from your Bible for this *SCGS Quarterly*, please send it to the *SCGS Quarterly* "Editor" at PO Box 884, Angola, Indiana 46703. Information needs to be "AS IS", so and errors, misspellings, etc. are included. Brackets [like this] may be included with any corrections.

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"Letter from the President" by Peg Dilbone

These original books were written by historians, probably from the publishing company, with help from local writers of the newspaper. In a committee of five (5), were appointed from the "**Old Settlers Association**", to assure the accuracy of the history.

These original books sold for twelve dollars ($12.00) and are very scarce and hard to find. Most are in very fraile condition. If you can find them, they sell between two to four hundred dollars ($200-$400) at auctions.

We only be reprinting two hundred (200) of these books, make sure you reserve yours soon.

As the holiday season approaches, and you gather with family, make some genealogical New Years resolutions.

* Contact older members of your family for their family memories.
* Identify and date photographs.
* Organize those shoeboxes of information.
* Renew your membership with your genealogical society.
* Write a query to the society or libary, in the area where your family lived.
* Fill out those papers for DAR or First Families.
* Start writing your own journal.

Imagine how thrilled one of your decsendents will be in a hundred years to find something of yours, whether it be in a book or even in a calender of what your life was like, or just your thoughts.

Volunteer and particapate in your society. Attend meetings, run for office, help on special projects and fill out your surname cards.

Remember, our society is only as strong as our members. We have had great support and attendence in our first two years. Your imput is important.

Let your ideas be known as to what you'd like to see for programs and projects.

Also, we would like to hear to hear from our out of town members, how we may better serve you.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

Peg Dilbone, President of SCGS

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Marriage Records for Steuben County 1832-1890

Halleck, Charlotte	Burk, Watson	19 December	1868	Steuben County, Indiana
Hallenbeck, John	Ferguson, Ellen	29 June	1871	Steuben County, Indiana
Halstead, Alexander	Munger, Virginia	01 September	1875	Steuben County, Indiana
Halstead, Isora	Morgan, Charles	16 May	1874	Steuben County, Indiana
Halstead, Mary	Short, Philip	04 October	1862	Steuben County, Indiana
Halstead, Stephen	Norrix, Victoria	22 May	1864	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamblet, Electra	Sowle, Joseph	15 May	1852	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamer, Davilla D.	Oberst, Sylvia E.	13 April	1867	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamer, Samuel	Powers, Lydia	13 March	1864	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Belle	Spearow, Charles F. (Spero, Charlie Fremont)	21 December	1882	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Elizabeth	Gochenaur, Jacob	01 September	1861	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Francis	Carr, Abigail	02 December	1847	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Horace T.	Mos(h)ier, Martha	23 March	1856	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Kittie	McBride, James H.	01 December	1887	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Mary Isabel	Rathbun, Valentine W.	30 June	1859	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Mattie (Matilda)	Kaler, Henry	22 March	1870	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamilton, Melinda	Burdick, Edgar	15 December	1874	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamlin, Addison	Tingler, Viola	26 December	1880	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamlin, Elias	Butler, Emma M.	14 September	1879	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamlin, Nelson	McClure, Catherine	19 January	1882	Steuben County, Indiana
Hamman, Allen B.	Gipe, Susie M.	09 March	1890	Steuben County, Indiana
Hammond, Arthur K.	Morrison, Nancy J.	01 October	1871	Steuben County, Indiana
Hammond, Edward T.	Coffman, Frances	13 April	1851	Steuben County, Indiana
Hammond, John	Griffith, Jessie	31 May	1890	Steuben County, Indiana
Hammond/Harmond, Miranda	Carleton, Charles	16 October	1851	Steuben County, Indiana
Hammond, Nancy	Ousterhout, John N.	08 February	1848	Steuben County, Indiana
Hammond, Susan M.	Coburn, George W.	25 December	1882	Steuben County, Indiana
Hansberger, Anna	Liehl, Ward	11 June	1869	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Alta	Nichols, Milo	17 November	1888	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Anna	McGrew, Joseph	18 August	1852	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Hester	Carlin, James	28 March	1850	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Hezekiah	Maines, Mary	06 May	1856	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Jeremiah E.	Bunker, Arminda	14 February	1874	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Julia	Gleason, George	16 December	1860	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Louisa	Patterson, Adam	21 October	1874	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Minnie	Fee, Warren	02 March	1887	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Rosa B.	Fee, Jud	22 September	1890	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Sarah J.	Walters, Daniel	11 September	1884	Steuben County, Indiana
Hand, Stites H.	Homan, Susannah	26 August	1869	Steuben County, Indiana

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Steuben Surnames on file at Carnegie Public Library

"F"	**See This File**
Freil	Frisbe, Helme,
Dando,	Barrett, Dun ham, Hedricks, Kellogg, Willoughby
Frye	Adams
Fudge	Holsinger
"G"	**See This File**
Gahr	Hawkins
Gall	Hammond
Gallmeier	(Pokagon)
Galloway/Wyatt	
Gardner	Coffin
Gardner	Macy
Gardner	Preston
Gaskill	Reeves
Gates	Denison, Den man
German	Brown/German
Getts	
Gibboney	Church, Barrett, Dunham
Gilette	Kirk
Gillander	Harpham
Glover	Britton
Goff	Michael
Golden	Arey, Thomson, Baker,
Brown,	Collens, Ken sill
Golden	Tyler
Gonser	Cleveland
Goodale	Goodale, Creager, Barron, Hills, Wells
Goodwin	Tri-State Heritage
Gore	Tri-State Heritage
Gragaw	Brokaw
Gramling	Hornberger
Graves	Dickens
Gray	Smith
Green	
Greenleaf	
Grosjean	Tyler
Guffin	Wild
Guyer	Opple
"I"	**See This File**
Ireland Family	
Isenhower	
"J"	**See This File**
Jackman	Aldrich (on shelf)
Jackman	Edwards
Jackson	Nutter
Jackson, Lewis A.	
Jacob, Lloyd Memoirs (on shelf))	Daubendick, Perkins
Jeffery	Dando, Helme, Jacob
Jenkins, William	
Jenks	Powers
Jewell	Wolf
Johnson Family	
Johnston	Eckman
Jones	Burlew
Jones, John E., Rev. (on shelf)	
Jordan	Miller, Smith, Waller
"U"	**See this File**
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Indiana
Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project

Started by Scott **SATTERTHWAITE**, the project is focused on preserving the Pioneer Cemeteries of Indiana.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The project may be visited on the WWW at: **http://www.citznet/~ssattert/inpcrp/**

ELECTION TIME FOR SCGS

With the beginning of the new year, and the 4th Year, for SCGS, it is election time!!!

This is a great opportunity to join in the planning of future projects. Get involved with this very active society! Volunteering can be very rewarding! Just ask a member of the Board!

The SCGS needs YOU !

Participation and teamwork make this society grow!

The SCGS needs your participation to help the society grow and maintain it's good reputation.

The last year has proven to be a successful year. There are two new publications and the society has been involved in many activities.

SCGS Executive Board

(Elected offices)

President-

- Directs, supervises and oversees the activities of the SCGS.
- Presides over board and "program" meetings.
- Appoints committee and chair persons.

Vice-President-

- Assists the President in society activities.
- Will preside and succeed the President if necessary.

Secretary-

- Will maintain accurate records of all meetings.
- Handles the correspondence for the society.

Treasurer-

- Will record and oversee all monetary transactions with regards to the society.
- Income and expenses will be reported to the group at meetings.

Newsletter Editor-

- Responsible for the *"SCGS Quarterly"* and other society publications, should the President request that.
- The Editor may appoint a committee to assist in the publication of the newsletter.

Historian-

- Maintain and preserve records of the society.
- Information will be recorded for the programs, special activities and any information that relates to SCGS.

SCGS Appointed Offices!

Membership Chairman-
Keep records up to date on who's-who's in the membership. Organize volunteers for projects and activities. Recruit and welcome new members.

Program Chairman-
Arrange guest speakers for the monthly meeting. Managing the meetings program making sure the room is ready, speaker is comfortable, refreshments are available. Will also oversee extra activities the society is involved in.

Publicity Chairman-
This person will be responsible for the publicity of meetings, news regarding the society, special projects and helping gain interest in the society through "advertising".

People may also participate by helping with many of our activities and assist with positions mentioned, if the person would like help.
Don't miss the opportunity to share in this society.
Volunteers are how we exist!

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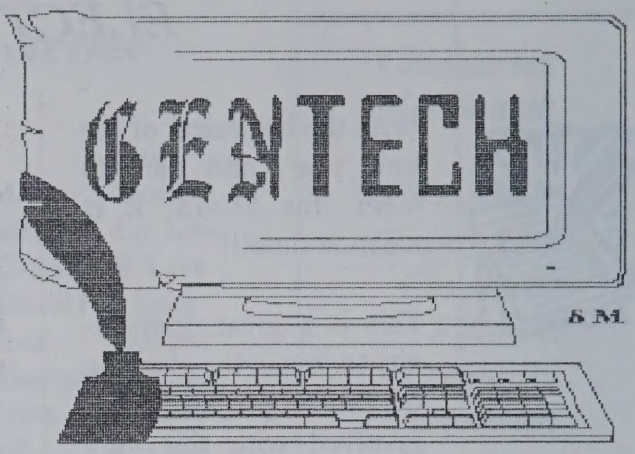

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FORT WAYNE TO COLDWATER

Well.....maybe not.....

YOU wanna go where?

Instructions on how to get from Fort Wayne to Coldwater in 1918 from AAA Auto Blue Book.

Ft. Wayne, Main & Calhoun Sts; courthouse on right. Go north with trolley on Calhoun St. two blocks. Cross RR, and at Superior St., beyond RR; turn right with trolley around atn. Spy Run Ave., gas plants on right and left; turn left with trolley. Follow tracks across iron bridge. Trolley leaves to right. Fork, bear right, sign "Auburn". Avoid left fork 2.4 mi. Avoid left fork 4.7 mi. Curve right at St. John's Corners.
- Left-handroad; turn left with travel and one line of poles. Cross iron bridge 11 mi. Follow gravel over rolling country. Cast iron bridge 18 mi.
- 4-corners; turn right with poles. Cross RR 20 mi.
- Cross RR, and at iron water trough beyond, turn right.
- Left-hand street; turn left onto Main St.

- AUBURN Main & 7th Sts, court house on right. Turn left onto 7th St. two blocks.
- 4-corners; turn right onto Indiana St. Cross RR 22 mi. Cross main line of Lake Shore Railway 26 mi.
- 4-corners; jog slightly right and left with travel
CAUTION for sharp left and right turn 27 mi.
- 4-corners, turn left.

ASHLEY- 4-corners. Turn right. Follow poles across RR. 33 mi.
4-corners; turn right with poles; sign "Pleasant Lake"
- end of road; turn left with poles. Cross RR at stn. 38 mi
.
-PLEASANT LAKE, 3-corners, straight thru.
-Left-hand road on shore of lake; turn left around garage.

ANGOLA, grass plot in small square ahead. Jog right and left half way around square. Join trolley and follow same onto Wayne St. Trolley leaves to right 43 mi.
- Right-hand road at RR; turn right.
-End of road; turn left and cross two switches. Continue with poles on very direct but winding road.
- 3-corners; turn ledt across RR and immediately curve right with poles. Bear left st sta. 50 mi.

FREMONT, IND. 4-corners at iron pump. Straight thru.
- 4-corners at large oak; turn left.

KINDERHOOK, MICH. 4-corners, store on left. Turn right, (north)
- Same thorofare becomes S. Clay St. Avoid right-hand diagonal street. 68 mi. Follow poles across RR at stn.

- COLDWATER

(Contributors note-
"YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE!")

Contributed by: Pat Harrington

Answers to "Trivia - Easiest Quiz" from page 31

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1) 116 years, from 1337 to 1453.

2) Ecuador.

3) From sheep and horses.

4) November. The Russian calendar was 13 days behind ours.

5) Squirrel fur.

6) The Latin name was Insularia Canaria - Island of the Dogs.

7) Albert. When he came to the throne in 1936 he respected the wish of Queen Victoria that no future king should ever be called Albert.

8) Distinctively crimson.

9) New Zealand.

10) Thirty years, of course. From 1618 to 1648.

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Letter from the President

The prepublications sales for our two new releases *Early Landowners of Steuben County* and *1885 History of Steuben County*, was a huge success.

Our goal was to be able to order 200 copies and we had hoped to break even by our deadline. When the prepublication sales ended, on the 2nd of February, our sales were over 175. Since we had such an excellent response, we increased our order to 225. The prepublication special price is no longer in effect, however, the books are still value priced and packed full of data. These books will not be in by Farm Expo, as we had hoped, but should be here by the end of March.

Thanks to ALL of YOU that helped with the new SCGS Publications!

Thanks go out to all of our members who deposited brochures Everywhere.

And, of course, our thanks go to our Publicity Chairman, Pat **Harrington**, who contacted more than 30 newspapers, with press releases.

Thanks again to all.

Why not get out a pen and paper today and send in your query for the next issue. Also, let us know of your family reunion, either upcoming or notices and accounts of the reunion itself.

Be sure to stop in the Reference Department/ Genealogy Department at Carnegie Public Library, there has been lots of new books and CD's added. One of the newest is the 1860 Indiana Census on CD.

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Election Results
1998

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Contributors : Peg **Dilbone**, Dick **Smith**, Sue **Kratzman**, Linda **Boyer**, Pat **Harrington**, Sean **Walker**, Mary **Pinney**, and Jerry **Boyer**. Thank you, all!

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Newsletter Notes

Corrections and Additions to the Effie **Town** Bible, that was printed in Volume 3, Issue 4, page 32, include:
Maybell **Hughes** and Adam **Schaffer** marriage showed no state listed, though it is believed to be Flint, IN not Flint, MI.
Lucile **Stout** and Elmer **Rivers** married 14 February 1931.
Maybell **Hughes** died in 1909, not 1090 (EGAD'S! I GOOFED).
Audry Lucile **Stout** born Jan 16, 1912.
Mabel **Stout** d. June 26, 1986.

Thanks go to Myrtle **Tisdel** for the Bible information and for calling these errors to our attention.

Errors made in the newsletter will gladly be corrected in the next newsletter, please bring any errors to the editors attention. Also, understand that contributions to the newsletter are typed in "AS IS", which will include errors and misspellings.

The Steuben County Genealogical Society still has a small supply of our newest publications. There is still time to order your copy of "*The Original Landowners of Steuben County*" and/or "*1885 History of Steuben County*". The two publications offer information that can be wonderful resources in your private library of genealogy.

Contact the Society if you are able to put in some time with events or are willing to work on one of the many projects that are coming up. It is with the participation of many that we will continue to grow and offer the quality you expect.

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Order your copy of "The Original Landowners of Steuben County, Indiana" and "1885 History of Steuben County, Indiana"

Letter from the President by Peg Dilbone

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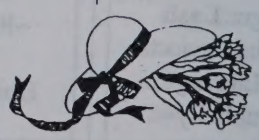
Our "Upcoming Programs" that are scheduled:
April 20, 1998
Monday, 7:00 PM
Carnegie Public Library
Angola, IN
"Back to Basic Genealogy"
Bring in your charts and your information and we will try to give individual attention to everyone with a problem in their genealogical research.
July 20, 1998
Monday, 6:30 PM
Powers Church
Angola, IN
Greg Sharrow, Vermont State Folklorist, will be speaking on the customs of the early settlers brought to this area.

☑ Please note change of time and place of the meeting. We will meet 6:30 PM at the Powers Church.

August 17, 1998
Monday, 7:00 PM
Carnegie Public Library
Angola, IN
Caroline Collins, who writes a genealogical column for *South Bend Tribune*, will speak on how to use newspapers for searching your ancestors.

Enjoy the spring weather. We look forward to seeing you at one of our next meetings.

Peg **Dilbone**
SCGS President



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Dear Aunt Tabby *by Pat Harrington*

Well, this is the first of our "Dear Abby" columns. It will (I hope) be a hodge-podge of questions, answers, queries, comments, and information.

To start, a little history lesson. initially the wagon trains were organized efforts. Later, they became groups of families and friends traveling together and perhaps settling in the same locale.

"A hodge-podge of questions, answers, queries, comments, and information."

So, when you locate a family member in a census, it may say, born "NY, PA, Ohio, etc.". If you are unable to trace back to a specific location, look at some preceding and following names. There could be a possibility that they all traveled together. So, try to find inf. or obits on their names. If a peculiar location shows up, it might be a clue to see if you tie into that area. (If it works, let me know and I'll try it!)

Here is my own query...since I am writing this column I can be creative (this one time).

I want to check Levi **BOLIN**, born Lehigh, PA or OH, in 1829. Lived in Seneca Co., OH, moved to Steuben Co., IN, and promptly died in 1852, leaving 3 children.

The other spellings are:

- **BOLAN**
- **BOLI**
- **BOLLAN**
- **COLLIN**
- **BOLOM**
- **BOWLAND**
- **BOWLON**
- **BOWLIN**
- **BOLLING**
- **BOWLON**

Anyway, there is a genealogy book on these names and the original Bolon was married to Pocahontas... So, all I need is another 225 years and I have it made.

Please, anyone who has a particular question, story or problem, submit it for the next issue.

Here's how. Send your genealogical question, query, answer, information or anything that is puzzling or helpful to the rest of us to:

Steuben County Genealogical Society
Attn: Dear Aunt Tabby
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Angola, IN 46703

You know when you're an addicted genealogist...

When you brake for libraries.
When you get locked in the library overnight and you never even notice.
When you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.
If you'd rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.
When you think every home should have a microfilm reader.
If you'd rather read census schedules than a good book.
When you know the town clerk in every county by name.
If town clerks lock the door when they see you coming.
When you're more interested in what happened in 1798 than 1998.
When all your correspondence begins "Dear Cousin".
If you've traced your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, have it fully documented, and still don't want to quit.

Steuben County High School Graduates

Angola High School 1923

Byrona **Allison**
Ruth **Alvison Arnold**
Ruth **Barber**
Clark **Bowel**
Mary **Benfer Roberts**
Sarah **Barron Lampman**
Thressa **Beil Hendrickson**
Maises **Bair Phillips**
Elizabeth **McBride**
Lyle **McBride**
Esther **McClellan Lundquist**
Emmet **McClue**
Mildred **Miller Mason**
George **Meyers**
Birdie **Morrison Parker**
Oscar **Parson**
Emmett **Parrott**
Wilma **Slade Pogue**
Wesley **Ralston**
Gail **Shoup**
Mildred **Stiefel**
Nora **Barron Swanger**
Wolfe **Somers**
Wilma **Ulch**
Martha **Welsh Nichols**
L. D. **Williams**
Kenneth **Zimmer**
This list was taken from "Angola Public Schools- Directory of Superintendents, Teachers, and High School Graduates 1866-1947".

Ashley High School 1923

Wendall **Allen**
Edrie **Corbin**
Gerald **Conrad**
Clarence **Elliott**
Burnell **Figh**
Jennie **Kirchner Miller**
Harold **Latier**
Cecil **Miller**
Agnes **Mortoff**
Edwin **Penick**
Eunice **Wagoner Van Pelt**
Carl **Pfingstag**
This list was taken from Ashley Year Book which lists Alumni 1896-1956.

Fremont High School 1923

Mildred **Darr**
Clara **Ewing Felknor**
Thelma **Hephner**
Mildred **Harbaugh**
Grace **Gould Schaeffer**
Grace **Forseythe Throop**
Olin **Jaques**
Harold **Barry**
Ivan **Burlingame**
DeForest **McElhenie**
Russell **Deller**
Lyle **Phenicie**
John **McElhenie**
Gary **Smith**
Carleon **Brown**
Kenneth **Trumbull**
Alice **Painter Deemer**
Ethel **Miller Cramer**
Ava **Hanson Sellers**
Ruth **Duguid Burlinggame**
*Compiled by Maynard **Stafford** and Maintained by Fremont High School.*

Hamilton High School 1923

Virgil **Hagerty**
Bernice **Ziegler Hamman**
George **Fee**
Julius **Jakobi**
Cleo **Dirrim**
Violet **Platt Lingle**
Charles **Radabough**
Ester **Hurraw Keister**
Orla **Willenar**
Caroline **Gates Fee**
Florence **Kepler Bechtol**
Merle **Westfall**
George **Enfield**
This list was taken from the 1953 yearbook, Hamilton High School Anchor

Orland High School 1923

Harlod C. **Barnes**
Henry **Blaine**
Pauline W. **Claflin**
Ralph C. **Duke**
Maynard J. **Friend**
Gur **Hunter**
Richard **Jackman**
Arline E. **Keyes**
*List taken from "Orland High School Graduates 1880-1965", compiled by Jean Ann **Childers** 1991.*

Metz High School 1923

Pauline **Storey**
Beuelah **Walberry**
Heniretta **Barr**
Elizabeth **Olmstead**
Maurice **Kniter**
Bernice **Sewell**
Leola **Rupe**
Taken from "Metz School Memoirs", published by Metz Alumni Association 1984.

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Carnegie Public Library.....Books on Genealogy

The Carnegie Public Library has been growing rapidly lately. With all the new computer technology there has been a lot of activity in the library, which does include the Genealogy department. There is constant ordering and receiving of genealogical materials. These are not limited to books. There are also CD's and tapes.

If you haven't visited the Carnegie Public Library for a while, come in and research awhile.
The Carnegie Public Library is located at:
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Listed here is a very small sampling of what is available at the library. The list could fill 23 or more pages! If you would like a complete listing of what is available, send $2.00 to cover postage and handling to: SCGS, Attn.: Library List, PO Box 884, Angola, IN 46703.
Or ask a board member to help you get one for only $1.00!

929.3 McC
Sources for Genealogical Searching in Indiana
McCay, Betty L.

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Index, 1840 Federal population census, Indiana
Indiana State Library

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Index, 1830 Federal Population Census for Indiana
Alig, Leona

977.278 His
Historical Sketches, N. E. Fremont Twp., Ray, Cedar Lk., Clear Lk., Michigan Border, Steuben Co., Indiana
Duguid, Lee S.

977.278 Ced
Cedar Lake Congregation (Reformed Presbyterian Church) Session Records, 1841-1892 (Steuben County, Indiana)
Duguid, Lee S.

977.277 Thi
Thirty-five Years, Old Settler's meetings of DeKalb County, Indiana : Illustrated

977.278 Tal
Tales of Ray, Steuben County, Indiana
Duguid, Lee S.

977.278 Kni
Early History and Pioneer Sketches of Fremont Township, Steuben County
J. A. **Knight-Childers**

977.278 Kni
Early History and Pioneer Sketches of Jamestown Township, Steuben County, Indiana
J. A. **Knight-Childers**

977.278 Kni
Early History and Pioneer Sketches of Millgrove Township, Steuben County, Indiana
J. A. **Knight-Childers**

977.278 Ste
Steuben County from History of Northeast Indiana
Stevens, Orville

977.278 Whi
Obituaries from the 1986 Herald-Republican
(Steuben County, Indiana)
White, Richard A. and **Irzyk**, Albin F.

Lewis writes a county history via local cemeteries

When Audree **Lewis** of Orland was only 4 years old, she loved to play in the cemetery on the hill behind her Mongo home.

After all, the tombstones carried the family names of neighbors and friends. It was a familiar, even friendly place. Nothing scary.

Her fascination with names and dates etched in stone continued. As an adult, **Lewis** visited cemeteries in the summertime with a stack of cards.

She strolled from stone to stone and copied data onto her cards. In the winter she transcribed the information onto typed sheets.

She did it for more than 20 years and covered the county's nearly 50 cemeteries.

About three or four years ago, she was forced to call a halt to her wanderings.

She'll be a spry 88 this December and it's getting harder to get around now. So, she set about having her decades of record-keeping printed.

What she came up with just a month or so ago was a two volume, 2,000-plus page history of Steuben County.

The books are wine-colored. The title is stamped in gold. Each volume is a good five inches thick, but holding up even one is hard for her.

The information in each set is cataloged by family name. Look up your grandfather, for instance, and it's possible you'll find when he was born, when he died and where he was buried. You may also find the cemetery plot number, along with the names and statistics about his wife, children and other immediate family members.

Even though it may be a local historian's dream come true, it is obviously a project of monumental scope.

When the world abounds in potential hobbies, what on earth prompted a woman, then in her early 20's to pick this?

Lewis answers quickly. "Darn it, the names were interesting." Her eyes twinkle and she smiles from a face fringed in wispy silver curls.

Beside, she adds adamantly, "I was just curious." Over the years, she completed more than 2,000 printed pages.

"I was interested in everything about it. I was interested, not because the people were dead, but because they were once alive."

But more than 20 years of it?

"Well, it's one of those bugs you get and can't stop."

This particular kind of history-hunting is her main hobby. "I can't knit and I only sew a little," she explains. "It's more fun to go to the cemetery."

"When the world abounds in potential hobbies, what on earth prompted a woman, then in her early 20's, to pick this?"

Besides, for 14 years, her husband, Hiram, was an invalid. She used the lazy warm afternoons spent in cemeteries as an excuse to get Hiram into the fresh air.

In the winter, during their stay in Florida, she busied herself transcribing the summer's work.

Lewis wasn't the only cemetery buff in the county. Clarence Baker was another.

"He was always saying he found a name I didn't know about," she explained. So, there was an element of competition to add to the mysterious lives of the people on the tombstones.

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Lewis writes a county history via local cemeteries

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To get some of the information about marriages, **Lewis** spent hours in the Steuben County Courthouse copying marriage license records. "I did a whole book of marriage licenses," she said, starting from 1820 and stopping about 1880. "After a while, I gave up on the marriages because they didn't stay married."

"I did a whole book of marriage licenses. After a while, I gave up on the marriages because they didn't stay married."

But she stayed with her cemetery visits and she's an expert on them. The Carlton Cemetery near Orland is one of the earliest.

Lewis said a local doctor, P. C. **Carlton**, started it as a place to bury his patients. She was even caretaker there at one time.

One of the most unusual cemeteries in the county has only one resident, Flower Elias **Robinson**. He was buried at the side of the road near the intersection of county roads 800 West and 350 North.

The story goes, **Lewis** said, that his family was passing through the area when **Robinson** died and they asked to bury him along the road.

Another story says that the **Robinson** family owned the land on three of the four corners at the intersection.

Robinson died in 1848, the stone explains at the age of 1 year, 3 months and 22 days. **Lewis** said the intersection was referred to as Tombstone Corner.

Lewis had 50 sets of the history printed. Anyone wishing to order a set, may contact (Editor's note—contact person listed in this article has been omitted by request, by the *Steuben County Historical Society*. For further information, refer to the article below).

Although her fascination with cemeteries has never dimmed, **Lewis** herself wants no tombstone marking her grave.

She shook her head when the question was asked. "The longer I looked at the stones, the smaller and less important I felt I became."

—Virginia **Linkenhoker**

Article from:
Herald Republican
Angola, Indiana

Audree Seibel Lewis... a cemetery history buff

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Steuben County Historical Society

The *Steuben County Historical Society*
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Angola, Indiana 46703

The 2 volume set of ***Cemeteries of Steuben County*** by Audree **Lewis** is available from the *Steuben County Historical Society*.

The sets are $50.00, plus $10.00, if mailed, to cover handling and shipping. Please send check or money order to the address above.

Visit the *Steuben County Historical Society*. Open on Sundays for the months of June, July and August, from 2-4 PM and by special request, you may view a special 1890's Victorian house.

Located at 313 East Maumee, Angola, Indiana, you will be able to step back in time in a Victorian house that documents the lives of a few families who lived in Steuben County in the early 1900's.

PRESERVING PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS

How to preserve our photographs and documents from temperature and humidity is often difficult. The *ideal situations* would be to avoid high heat and high humidity. If at all possible, keep the tempurature under 70 degrees F with the relative humidity under 50%. Use only paper products that are acid free and unbuffered, since some paper and wood products contain harmful elements. This paper may be used to store photographs and documents in albums, being sure that the paper covers all exposed parts of the article you are preserving. Plastic is also a material that has been successfully used to store photographs, documents and film negatives. There are several plastic products that have been developed for this purpose, check the label on the package to be sure.

What to avoid:

Attics and basements due to high temperatures and humidity in the summer and low temperatures and humidity in the winter. There is also the increased risk of insects and rodents that will gladly made a home and feeding area of your photos and documents.

Rubber product are damaging to photos. Keep yourself from placing a rubberband around a group of pictures. The rubber interacts with the photo so that before long it will eat away at the picture.

Oil or acid based products. This includes fingerprints, inks, tape, paints, and carbon monoxide.

Keep away pins of all kinds, paperclips, fingernails and marking tips. Avoid intense light and heat that copiers put out. This includes laser copiers.

So with all that, it is comforting to know there are things you can do to keep the treasured pictures and documents of the past. Store important photographs or documents in a climate controlled place protected by acid free paper or p;astic and keep them in a dark place. This will help to insure the safety of your photographs and documents.

Now, Start taking picture of everyone and everything! And enjoy the lasting results!

Steuben Times...
Historical Tidbits of Steuben County, Indiana

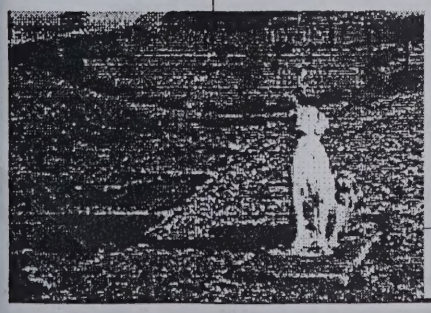
Steuben Times is a 6-page, quarterly historical publication. To order a one-year subscription, send $10 to Lee P. **Sauer**, 215 W. Prospect St., Angola, IN 46703. If you'd like more information, or have a story idea, call the editor at (219)-665-1988, or send him an e-mail at leep@dmci.net

Former slave's monument protects memories.

June 10th of this year marks 100 years since Steuben County's Daniel **Webster** died. Daniel could easily have been forgotten, for he represented the smallest of minorities. The 1880 county census taker counted him as the only black person living in Angola, Ind.

But Daniel's employer, William Galen **Croxton**, wanted the hostler (stable hand) remembered. So he erected a unique monument to guard Daniel's grave.

Standing at the entrance of the Carter-Croxton mausoleum in Angola's Circle Hill Cemetery, the marker featured a large bronze dog. The inscription on the cement base read,



*"Dan. **Webster***
*An honest man, a true & loyal friend Born a slave in Carroll Co., Tenn. Died in Angola June 10, 1898 Aged 60 Y's Lived with the family of W. G. **Croxton** for 25 years"*

Daniel's grave came to claim a life all its own. Local folk now grown old remember in play riding the statue's back like a horse. Cemetery workers for decades provided directions based on the place where Daniel laid. "It's two sections past the dog," they'd say.

Still, time did it's best to wipe away Daniel's memory. Nature weighed heavily on the Carter-Croxton mausoleum until it collapsed and was filled with earth. Thieves did their insidious work, stealing the dog monument to cash in its precious metal. Wind scoured the stone inscription. But bits of clues remain. A sympathetic cemetery sexton provided a replacement - albeit quite different - dog which sits between what remains of its predecessor's massive bronze paws. With the right light, he inscription again appears. The Croxton house and the carriage house where Daniel died remain on duty, serving today as a fraternity.

Pieced together, the surviving tidbits provide a fascinating look into one small chapter in Steuben County's past.

Carriage house where Daniel died.

Also in Steuben Times Vol. 1, Nos. 1 ....

⇨An interview with one-time congressional candidate Paul **Oakes**

⇨A commentary providing ST's inaugural issue introduction.

⇨County residents provide a glimpse of winter activities from years past.

⇨Local names in this issue:

Bierlien, **B**lake, **C**hapin, **C**arter, **C**roxton, **E**lya, **J**acobs, **K**emper, **M**artin, **O**aks, **R**obinson, **R**osenberry, **S**iebern, **S**mith, **W**ebster, **W**eicht, **W**idner, **W**oodhull.

http://members.tripod.com/~lsauer/st.htm

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Steuben Surnames on file at Carnegie Public Library

"A"	See This File
Adams	Baer, Schelman, Frye, Knowles, Mishler, Peterson, Rowe
Adams, Peggy Jo	
Albright, Frank	
Aldrich	(on shelf) Edwards
Aldrich, Geo.	Jackman
Alwood	Blessing, Fink, Robinette, Rosenberry, Valentine
Andes	
Andrews, Charles (Rev. War)	
Anstett, Family History	
Archbold, Thomas (Rev. War)	
Arey	Golden, Arnsparger, legal folder on shelf
Austin	Ferrers, Horndell, Latham

"B"	See This File
Baer	Miller, Adams, Bovarter
Baker	Cleveland
Baker/Beard	
Baltzel (Rev. War)	Barnhart
Barnhart	Keith Keller, Flint Cogswell
Barr	Carpenter
Barrett	Gibboney, Holloway, Kunkle, Rosenberry
Barron	Goodale, Bradford
Barrow	Goodale
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Bates	Rathbun, Batchelet, Powers, Calvin Family on shelf
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Beehee	Judy Hartman
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Bennett	Hathaway
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Berlien	Fetters, Hover, Stahl
Berridge	
Berry	Newman
Beshears	Phillips
Best	Wild
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Blessing	Alwood
Bloom	Leas
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Blue	Murray, Smith
Bodley	Butler
Bohner	Wittner, Wolff
Bolin	Doudt
Bolinger	Kunce
Bordner	Kunce
Bowden, Anne	
Bowers	Andes, Brown, Klink, Sharp
Bowman	Kirk
Boyer	Edwards, Mahood, Mayhood
Bradford	Barrow
Bragaw	Brokaw (on shelf)
Brandenberry/Bradenberry	
Branyan	Wild
Brattan	Powers
Brelsford	Houser
Bricker	Eby
Britton	Cofrie, Cummins, Glover
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Brokaw, Bergon (Rev. War)	Bragaw, Gramling
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Brooks family in Ky.	
Brooks, Richard	
Brost	Hanna, Kemmerling
Brown	also Tri-State Heritage
Brown	Wilder, Bowers, Preston, Golden, Hotchkiss, Klink, German
Brugh	Klink
Brunner/Bruner	
Bwell, "Pop"	
Buhren	Families on shelf
Burel	Birch
Burdick/Burdic	Wells, Ogden, Sowles
Burke	Burlew
Burlew	Stayner, Jones
Butler	Bodley, Houghton, Reed
Butler	Hutchins, Whaley, Twitchell
Butler and Bodleys	on shelf

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Instructions in Completing Ancestor Cards

SCGS has many ancestor cards on file at the library in the genealogy department. These cards are great resources to guide someone in another direction, or to verify information already obtained.

The SCGS asks new members and and continued members to fill out these cards and update when possible. If you have been asked to fill out ancestor cards and have either not understood how to do it or you have just put it off, take a moment to read the following to assist you in getting this done.

ANCESTOR CARDS... A Great way to make a contribution to the SCGS! Submit yours today!!!

Help SCGS continue it's ever growing collection of ancestor cards. This will benefit other researchers and help to add one more source for finding information on that person.

Complete an ancestor card for each ancestor about whom you have at least the name, one date, and one place of residence that can identify them.

1. Only one generation to a card; husband and wife should be on the same card, if the information is known.
2. No card should be submitted unless it contains at least one name, one place and one date.
3. Type the entire card, capitalizing the SURNAME first, followed by the first name and followed by the middle name or initial, if middle name is not known.
4. The date should begin with the numbered day, month in three letter abbreviation and the entire year, e.g.: 12 May 1847.
5. The birth, marriage, and death dates should be followed by the location of occurrence with the town, township, county, and state, if known.
6. Make a cross index card for the wife, using her MAIDEN name.
7. NAME and ADDRESS of person submitting the card MUST be included in the lower right corner of ALL cards. (If using the cards supplied by the society, this will be above: "Add'l Info on back").
DO NOT use return address or mailing labels, PLEASE!
8. No limit of the number of cards which may be submitted. No restrictions as to the place of residence. It is not limited to STEUBEN COUNTY or to INDIANA. Any ancestral line you may have may be submitted.
9. The "Add'l Info on back" may contain family tradition information so noted, information "suspected" or "not provable" so noted, additional marriages, etc., however, should not be rambling.
10. If, at any time, you wish to update your cards, SUBMIT REPLACEMENT CARDS with a note to SCGS informing us that these are to be "REPLACEMENT CARDS", , so your old cards can be removed.

Deliver in person or mail to SCGS, PO Box 884, Angola, IN 46703

Sample Ancestor Card

SMITH, John
s/o d/o James Henry and Mary Jane (COLFAX) SMITH
b 18 Mar 1832 Williams Co., OH
m 26 Dec 1850 Williams Co., OH
d 6 Feb 1921 Angola, Steuben Co., IN
bur 8 Feb 1921 Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Steuben Co., IN
JONES, Laura G.
d/o s/o Tobias Luther and Catherine (GILBERT) Jones b 28 Jul 1834 Clinton Co., OH
d 8 May 1925 Angola, Steuben Co., IN
bur 11 May 1925 Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Steuben County, IN

Submitter name
Submitter street address
Submitter town, state and zip

When the wife's information is on the husband's card, only a cross index card is needed.
E.g.: JONES, Laura G. see SMITH, John

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SCGS
PO Box 884
Angola, Indiana
46703

Eckhart Public Library
503 S. Jackson St.
Auburn, IN 46706-2298

In This Issue... Audree Lewis upclose. Aunt Tabby has her say. What you can find at Carnegie Public Library

Publications For Sale :

"1885 History of Steuben County" $69.95
and
"The Original Landowners of Steuben County!" $19.95

Plus 5% IN sales tax
Postage For "History" $8.00
Postage For "Landowners" $3.00
(Postage For both- $11)
Mail check or money order to:
SCGS, PO Box 884,
Angola, IN 46703

JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Copy this form and Mail with your check to:
Steuben County Genealogical Society (SCGS)
PO Box 884
Angola, Indiana 46703

Circle one please:
Memberships:
Individual $ 10.00
Family (one address) $ 15.00

CHECK#_____ AMOUNT_____ RENEW _____ NEW MEMBERSHIP_____

NAME (Women, Please include maiden name)

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP+4 Email Phone

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Letter from the SCGS President, Peg Dilbone

"Working to preserve as many of the records as possible."

We have acquired a number of books that will be of great value for research. These will be available at the Angola Carnegie Library. The Society has purchased some and others have been donated. In our next issue we will have a list of what is available.

Several of the churches in Steuben County have given us copies of some of their records. We are also working to locate any records of the non-existent churches. If you or anyone you know has records relating to a Steuben County church, please contact us. We are trying to preserve as many of the records as possible.

Be sure to stop in the Genealogical Room at the Angola Library to see what is available. It is ever expanding and the new room is a wonderful place to spread out and explore all the research material that is shelved within reach!

"***Our Special Thanks***" goes to Don **HINER**, Director; Kay **LASH** and Carol **LOVE**, the Reference Librarians, as well as the rest of the entire staff. These are very special people. Of course, we do not want to leave out the Library Board, who make all this possible.

This month we are looking forward to being at Powers Church. Our quest speaker is Greg **SHARROW**, the state folklorist from Vermont. Greg is originally from Angola.

The August speaker will be Carol **COLLINS**, who writes the genealogical column, "Michiana Roots" for the *South Bend Tribune.*

Our concern is always, how may we serve you. We are always looking for ideas, suggestions and naturally, volunteers. We would like to hear from our out of town members as well as our local members.

Let us know how we may serve you.

Sincerely,
Peg Dilbone
President

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Kathleen **Hamman-O'Neill**, Editor.

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Steuben Special Notes

Due to an error in the last issue, The Steuben County Historical Society has the following mailing address.
Steuben County
Historical Society
PO Box 474
313 East Maumee
Angola, IN 46703

The Steuben County Historical Society sells the 2 volume set of ***Cemeteries of Steuben County*** by Audree **LEWIS.**

The sets are $50.00, plus $10.00, if mailed, to cover handling and shipping. Please send check or money order to the address above.

Visit the *Steuben County Historical Society*. Open on Sundays for the months of June, July and August, from 2-4 PM and by special request.

!!! Congratulations !!!
to SCGS member:
Sharon **WILCOX**
who is Superintendent of 4-H Genealogy Project, Div. 1. Judging date is Thursday, July 16, 1998. Please come and support these efforts!

On Monday, July 20 at 6:15 PM, Gregg **SHARROW**, Folklorist of the State of Vermont, will address the Steuben County Genealogical Society at Powers Church.

The topic of the evening will be "*Vermont Folk Culture and Farm Life coming from Vermont to Northeast Indiana.*"

SHARROW has a Ph. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in folklore and folklife. He has produced a radio series called "*Never Done- Farm Life in Vermont.*" (This series won a public affairs award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.)

SHARROW's family arrived in Jackson Township, here in Steuben County, in 1836. Stories were told to him by his "storyteller" grandmother. This gave him an appreciation of the past and that past was a living landscape; alive with stories that helped to form a sense of connection between past and present, which he explores as a scholar.

As the kerosene lights flicker in the evening light, at Powers Church, SHARROW will introduce us to

"***The past is a mirror we look into from where we are now.***"

1898 Iced Current Receipt

Iced currents are said to be very nice, and are fixed up as follows:
One quarter of a pint of water
the whites of two eggs
currants
and pounded sugar are required.

Select fine bunches of currents and beat the whites of the eggs.
Mix these with water; then take the currents a bunch at a time and dip them in.
Let them drain a minute and then dip them in sugar.
Lay them on paper and the sugar will crystallize.
All fruit may be prepared in the same manner, and make a very nice summer desert.

(Receipt from 1898)

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Steuben Connections

Steuben Co., inf.:

Population 1996-30,831
Population 1990-27,446
% Change: 12.33%
Land area 309 sq. miles

Neighboring counties:

North: Branch Co., MI
Northeast: Hillsdale Co., MI
Southeast: Williams Co., OH
South: DeKalb Co., IN
Southwest: Noble Co., IN
West: LaGrange Co., IN

Chambers of Commerce

Angola Area
307 N. Wayne St.
Angola, IN, 46703
(219)-665-3512

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5470 W. 760-N
Orland, IN, 46776
(219)-829-1230

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Ashley, IN
46747
(219)-587-3435

Fremont
3270 E St Rd 120
Fremont,IN 46737
(219)-495-9010

Clubs

American Legion
Post 423
211 N. Bronson
Orland, IN 46776
(219)-829-6544

Loyal Order of Moose
108 N. Martha
Angola, IN 46703
(219)-665-9361

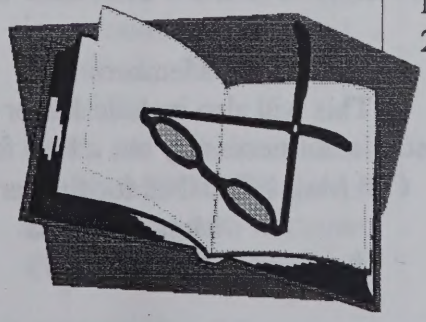
Veterans of Foreign War
St. Rd. 127
Angola, IN 46703
(219)-665-5600

Libraries

Carnegie Public Library
322 S. Wayne
Angola, IN 46703
(219)-665-3362

Fremont Public Library
(Coffin Street)
PO Box 7
Fremont, IN 46747
(219)-495-7157

Joyce Public Library
6035 N St. Rd. 327
Orland, IN 46776
(219)-829-6329



Offices

Steuben County Health Department
317 S. Wayne, Suite 3A
Angola, IN, 46703
(219)-668-1000 ext 1500
Birth Certificates and Death Certificates

Steuben County Clerks Office
Courthouse, Public Square
Angola, IN 46703
(219)-668-1000 ext 2240
Marriage and Probate Records

Societies

Steuben County Genealogical Society
PO Box 884
Angola, IN 46703

Steuben County Historical Society
PO Box 774
Angola, IN 46703

DAR Chapter
Northern District
Pokagon
Angola, Steuben County
Mrs. Don (Kay) **FENNER SMITH**
219-495-7179

Dear Aunt Tabby

Dear Aunt Tabby,

I'm looking for a way to follow a trader...my gggrandfather, Oliver **BURCH**, was a partner in a trading post somewhere in California. Oliver would travel from Ind. or Michigan to California, bringing good (flour, yoke for oxen, sugar, hand made wooden toys...).

He was found in 1830 as a child in Morgan Co., Ohio (born 1826), in 1850 and 1860 he was found in Steuben Co., Indiana. After this, he is lost until 1900 and 1910 in Allegan Co., MI--where he died in 1916.

How can I find where his trading post was? Where was he on the census for 1870-1900?

He had children born and married in the late 1960's-early 1970's (all born in Ottawa Co., MI)--but he is not on any census records.

He received a land grant in Ottawa Co. in 1872, after homesteading it for 5 years, but once again--no record on the census.

Any suggestions?

Connie **Hollis**
265 63rd street
So. Haven, MI 49090
Wishbone@cybersol.com

Aunt Tabby Replies-

Connie;

An excellent research tool is "*Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook*" available in the library.

For example, substitutes for the 1790 Census.

North Carolina-Tax lists combined with census.

Maryland- 1790 Census lost for Somerset City, but has a number of county records, wills, estates, and land and marriage records, 1783 tax list and 1778 Oath of Fidelity to Maryland.

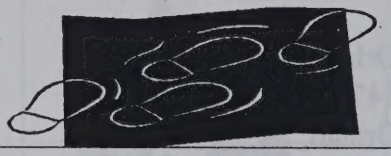
Delaware- Reconstructed census.

Georgia- Reconstructed census.

Tennessee- Part of North Carolina until 1790, but indexed to tax lists and census of Cumberland Settlement. 1770-1790

Kentucky- Part of Virginia until 1790. 1820-1832 Census of Manufactures.

Write to Aunt Tabby and get her comments. Send to: Aunt Tabby PO Box 884 Angola, IN 46703



Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War

"*Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War*"

Members 18th
This will also include Junior members!
Ancestry is not necessary but a love for history is a must!
Call Matt **NODINE** for further information.
Matt **NODINE**
219-475-5773

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Genealogy ... and they say it is fun???

Do I really exist? I can't prove I am anyone's descendent!

Whoever said "Seek and Ye shall find" was NOT a genealogist!

Genealogists... always hopeful, tired and poor!

I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged!

Ever dreamed of adding one more life to yours, just to try and complete YOUR genealogy!

"I think that I shall never see a completed Genealogy!"

"But then, how do I determine when complete is complete!"

I used to have a life, then I started doing genealogy, and all I seem to deal with is people that have already passed on!

If it's only a hobby, why do I feel so stressed out?

Think a "Missing Persons Bulletin" would locate my great-great-grandpa?

Since I can't find out his name I am not sure he even lived!

My ancestors did WHAT?!?

My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!

My ancestors had a pretty weird sense of humor. They thought it would be funny to have Grandpa be named Thomas, his dad and his grandpa named Thomas, his son named Thomas and two cousins named Thomas. Yeah, and they all lived in the same town!

My ancestor is a person who plays HIDE and I go SEEK.

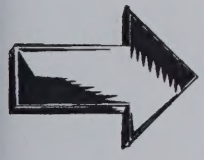
Jeeez! If only I could wish my crystal ball to run in reverse!

Every time I think I know where they are, they move!

It's search and search some more, then I find and search some more.

Just when you think you've found them all, Up pops another!

Still searching, after all these years!



Did you know that?

Indiana
Cities and Towns
Some of the Most
Common Names

There are 5 Mt. Pleasants in counties: Cass, Delaware, Johnson, Martin, and Perry.

There are 4 Buena Vistas in counties: Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, and Randolph.

There are 4 Millersburgs in counties: Elkhart, Hamilton, Orange, and Warrick.

There are 4 Salems: The county seat of Washington County, and in counties Adams, Jay, and Union.

There are 3 Hamiltons in counties: Clinton, St Joseph, and Steuben.

There are 3 Needmores in counties: Brown, Lawrence, and Vigo.

There are 3 Wheelings in counties: Carroll, Delaware, and Gibson.

(Source: Index of Cities and Towns, Indiana Transportation Map 1995-1996)

Spanish American Veterans

Originally this picture belonged to Rhea **LOWTHER** of Orland. Her husband, Bart **LOWTHER**, was a member of this unit. Mrs. **LOWTHER** submitted this picture to be used in the book:
The History of Steuben County 1955, by Harvey W. **MORLEY**. Copyright 1956. Page 499.

Spanish American War in Brief

Starting in the 1870's, Cuban patriots made demands for their independence from Spanish rule. What followed was a sympathetic intervention from the U.S. The U.S. worked to resolve the disagreements regarding Spain's polices regarding Cuba.

Having been unsuccessful in their negotiations for peace and the sinking of the U.S. battleship *MAINE*, which resulted in the loss of 260 men, the U.S., under President William **McKINLEY**, demanded Spain withdraw from Cuba.

Spain declared war on Apr. 24, 1898 in reaction to the request. This was followed by Congress stating that a state of war had actually existed since April 21.

The U.S. quickly defeated the Spanish fleets and took control.

An Armistice was signed on Aug. 12, 1898, after only four months of battle.

On Dec. 10, 1898, Peace was arranged by the Treaty of Paris was signed. Cuba was freed from Spanish control.

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Spanish American Veterans Roll Call 1898

(Front row, from left)
CARRICK, William E.
STRAWSER, Clarence
GLEASON, Charles
SHANK, Emmet
McCONNELL, George
JARRARD, William L.
NORTON, Arthur
BREWER, Frank P.
WOLF, Harvey E.
SUTTON, Clyde
BALL, Grant
GARWOOD, Ira O.
NORTON, Edwin

(Second row, from left)
GIBSON, George
KEMERY, Carl A.
GREEN, Samuel
BENNETT, George
CARPENTER, Robert
GILBERT, Newton W.
KINNEY, Charles
BENNETT, Edgar
DRUSHAL, Bert
SILBAUGH, Morton
PERSING, Frank

(Third row, from left)
HUFFMAN, Wesley
HOLMES, Frank B.
VAN PELT, Henry
LAHMON, Burr A.
EWERS, John L.
HEITZ, Calvin W.
LOWTHER, Bart
WALBERRY, Perry O.
DENMAN, Ora
COFFMAN, Francis M.
ENZOR, Isaac
METZER, Irvin

(Fourth row, from left)
CARRICK, Thomas G.
CLUTTER, Thomas J.
KEMERY, Ernest D.
LIGHT, George P.
PATTEE, Frank J.
HARMON, Worthy E.
SCOVELL, George B.
GRIFFITH, Lauren C.
SUTTON, John
PLAYFORD, Ervin
ISENHOUR, Charles N.

(Fifth row, from left)
DAVIDSON, Jacob W.
MORSE, Charles
BROWN, Harley T.
STUCK, Don G.
BROWER, George
SMITH, Claude C.
LUTZ, Robert, Jr.
BARTHOLOMEW, Carl
FLETCHER, Alburtus
LINDERSMITH, Ernest
HYATT, Charles W.
CLEGG, Joseph H.

(Sixth row, from left)
PARSONS, William E.
CLARK, Edward C.
GLEASON, Dudley W.
NULL, Perry
GILLISPIE, Charles L.
WILLIAMSON, Wm. E.
WISELEY, David M.
SHERRARD, Harry P.
FEE, Asa
MILLER, Harry
JARRARD, Bert

(Seventh row, from left)
FAIRCHILD, Edward
MEEK, Ray
WOODARD, George M.
SOMERLOTT, Boston
FLINT, Charles
WOODFORD, Clair B.
ENZOR, Freeman K.
BARBER, Edwin G.
McCURAS, Leonidas L.
HALL, Robert C.
GRIFFITH, George
ROCKWELL, Arthur E.

(Eighth row, from left)
WILLENAR, John G.
COBERT, James
SHARRITT, Frank
JOHNSTON, Frank
KNAPP, Orlando D.
WALBERRY, Llewallyn G.
SUNDAY, Marshall
KIMES, Franklin M.
SMILEY, Budd C.
HATHAWAY, Park
CRANDALL, Lorin

Members not pictured:
JACKSON, Homer
FERGUSON, William F.
STOCKER, James C.
BERLEIN, John S.
FAUNCE, John
INGALLS, Carl E.
LUSE, Warren S.
LYBARGER, Willard
MAJOR, Cyrus
MEEKS, William
MOSES, Homer
McNABB, Duane
SHANK, Hudson L.
WEICHT, Samuel

Steuben County Graduates

Angola

Charles **ISENHOUR**	New York
John **SOMERS**	Deceased
Clela **POWERS LUSE**	Angola, Ind.
Audrey O. **RYAN**	Huntington, Ind.
Florence **MOORE ESTRICH**	Edon, Ohio

Hats off to the Dedicated Graduates of 1898!

Fremont

Lola **FRENCH BASH**
Flora **McNABB BURGESS**
Clyde **DARR**
Berle **TAYLOR**
Jesse **GEEDY**

Orland

Grace **SMITH GREEN**	Coldwater, Michigan
Azalia **WHITNEY**	San Diego, California

County News from January 1898

Flint

A pound party was given Tuesday night for Mrs. Carrie **BROWN.**

It is reported that Ed **JOHNSON**'s house burned down and everything in it.

Crooked Creek

Abe **PARSING** spent Sunday with his parents here.

Edd **LADD** and wife, of Colon, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. **LATTA**.

The social at Mr. **SUNDAY**'s on Saturday evening for the reading books brought in ten dollars and one cent besides having a good time.

It is said that the fund for keeping the cemetery in repair has been used up. Why not make a bee each summer in the future to keep it in order.

Some of our young people attempted to "serenade" Tom **CLARK** and bride last Thursday evening, but owning to some of the instruments being out of tune and the dilapidated condition of others, the music didn't quite come up to expectations.

Helmer

Frank **COCHRAN** is quite sick.

John Spero has rented Harry **BARKER**'s property here.

George **STRAWSER**, our blacksmith, fitted and set 228 horse shoes the first week in the new year.

Ed **SMITH** moved into the house where his parents lived, they moving into the house vacated by him.

Charles **ZIEBELL** and family start this week for Furnas county, Nebraska, where they expect to make their future home.

Harry **BARKER** chartered a car here and moved to Marion, Indiana. Mrs. **BARKER** started for Marion last Tuesday accompanied by his sister Cora.

Nevada Mills

The other day we were making a short visit at the home of Mr. **CLARK**, in East

County News from January 1898, con.'t

Jamestown. We sumised by certain mysterious movements that there was something in the wind, but could not make out what it was, until his son, Thomas arrived with a young lady and introduced her as his wife; this let the cat out of the bag. He with Miss Katie E. **CALL**, of Salem, had gone before Rev. Mr. **SMITH**, of Clear Lake, who ties the knot, in true clerical style, which made them man and wife. After congratulations we sat down to a good dinner and had a pleasant social time. Mr. **CLARK**, intends to work his and his father's farm the coming summer. If we mistake not Thomas will make a successful farmer.

York

Mrs. Sarah **ADAMS** returned Monday from an extended visit with her sons near Coldwater.

Bert **JENKINS** entertained his father and brother and their families, from Camden, last Sunday.

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Mabel *LYONS* has returned from Kendallville, after visiting her sisters a few days.

Ray

Hiram **HANDY** and family visited his father, Cyrus **HANDY**, and family, at Algansee, the first of this week.

M. A. **GREEN**'s children, who have been sick with typhoid fever, have all recovered except one, who is still quite sick.

There will be a meeting at the R. P. church Friday evening for the purpose of re-organizing the temperance society. Everybody come.

Frank **PAUL** and family, who have been visiting relatives and friends here for several weeks, left Monday for their home in Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. George **SISSON** accompanied by her father came last week and had the body of her husband, George **SISSON,** who committed suicide, removed to New Haven, Ind., where she resides.

Hudson

Mrs. **FIRESTONE,** of Michigan, is visiting her sisters, Mesdames **WESTERN** and **BAKER**.

Dr. Fred **BRADNER** left Saturday for Clinton, Mich., thence to return to his home at Des Moines, Iowa.

There are a number of cases of measles in town, and no observances of the health law pertaining to contagious diseases.

C. R. **WITHINGTON** and family entertained relatives from Fremont, Indiana and Burlington, Mich., Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. **BRADNER** and Misses **FREDERICK**, **FERGUSON**, **GROOSBECK**, and clink attended the entertainment at Saturday evening.

Joseph **FREDERICK**, of Ohio, has purchased the **STOFER** residence in the north part of town and will occupy it when he gets a housekeeper.

Misses Pearl **LEAS** and Ava **HAMILTON**, and Messrs. Fred **KIRKLAND**, Gaylon **MELENDY**, Clair **WOODFORD** and Ray **DOLE** are students at T. S. N. C. in Angola.

Crooked Lake

Miss Ola **SHANK**, of West Milford, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Jarvis **CARR**.

H. B. **SAMS** and wife recently attended the Jackson Prairie grave yard meeting. They had a great interest for they have two bright little boys buried there.

Metz

Mrs. S. **MAXWELL**, of Edon, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. W. **GOODALE**.

J. W. **GOODALE** has been troubled with nervous prostration the past few days.

E. **MERRITT**, who has been living in the southern part of Richland township, has moved into Mrs. J. **WILLIAMS**' house north of Metz.

Salem Center

Mrs. M. C. **MARKLE**, of Angola, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Albina **BUTLER**.

E. B. **PARSELL** goes to Danville, Va., this week Thuesday and will take up his work again in the south.

The first of last week the large farm house of E. W. **FULLER** burned to the ground. Mr. **FULLER** lived in LaGrange county and is the father-in-law of M. B. **BUTLER**.

Those pupils in school district No. 4 who have neither been tardy nor absent during the last two months, are Belle **BROWN**, Dell **BROWN**, Hettie **LADOW**, Ethel **WOODFORD**, Fred **WEAVER**, Homer **LADOW**, Bobbie **SLICK**, Carl **CARIS**, Eula **WOODFORD**, Blanche **CARIS**.

Gage

Maria **PIERSON** is in very poor health of late.

Alvarado

Married, Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 1898, at Angola, by Prof. L. M. **SNIFF**, Henry **COX,** of Edon, Ohio, and Miss Hattie **LASH**, of this place. May success and happiness attend their married life.

Hamilton

Miss Lulu **OBERLIN** is sick with typhoid fever.

Born, Jan. 9, 1898, to Otis **SEWELL** and wife a daughter and first child.

E. **SHELAH** and wife of Decatur, Ill., visited her parents T. A. **BURCH** and wife recently.

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QUERIES

I would be interested in corresponding and sharing information with anyone researching the following people:
Jotham **CASWELL** (Came to Fremont, IN around 1837), b. before 1783 in MA, d. 1844 in Fremont, IN, married before 1811 in NY to: Mary **WORDEN**, b. before 1791, d. 1840 in Fremont, IN. Jotham and Mary had 13 children: Possibly: Alfonso and Sylvanius
Definitely: Daniel, Lorenzo D., Charles G., Corbin W., Eliza Ann, Sharlotte, Matilda, Joshua, Elsa A., Lyman Joshua, & Andrew Darwin.
Andrew Darwin **CASWELL**, b.Jul. 16, 1836, d. Dec. 6, 1899 in Fremont, IN, married Dec. 25, 1863: Sarah Jane **HALL**, b. Feb. 22, 1845 in Salem, Washington Co, NY, d. Sept. 21, 1927 in Fremont, IN - both buried in Old Fremont Cem.
Sarah Jane **HALL**, dau. of : John W. **HALL** and Margaret **PAUL** - buried in the Old Fremont Cem.
Charles W. **CHAPIN** (came to Fremont, IN in 1877), b. May 23, 1821 in Canada West (Father Gordon **CHAPIN** - b. in MA), d. Apr. 1, 1895 in Fremont, IN, married Jul. 19, 1846 in LaGrange County, IN to: Maria **SHOUP**, b. Jan. 10, 1828 in OH or PA, d. Nov. 28, 1900 in Fremont, IN - both buried in Old Fremont Cem.
Charles and Maria's five children: Elizabeth, Elom Joshua, Eliza, Charles A., & Luella F.
Kathy **CASWELL RINKE**
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William Cannon **THOMPSON** (1807-1890) and his wife, Harriet **FERGUSON** (1819-1899).. They moved to Steuben County, IN, in 1864. Some of the family names associated with this family are: **ELLIS, DUGAND,STEPHENS, SWARTZEL, VAN AMAN, MAWHOOD, FENTON**, and **SCHERERHORN**.
(Internet page with above family is found at:http://www.kspress.com/wrs/Eliza.htm)
Bill **SOWERS**
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I'm researching Margaret (Genevieve) **WHITTY** and Joseph Dominick **RIEDE** who lived by Crooked Lake in the Angola area. They owned the Riede's Department Store in Angola, in the 1930's. Joseph D. died in Dec.1957 in Angola. Margaret died Nov. 1957.
They had 5 children:: Francis (Frank) 1905-1971, Joseph Dominic 1907-1972, Genevieve 1910-1972, Kathleen 1912-1967, Eugene 1922-1990.
Any connection or information on the **WHITTY/RIEDE** family would be wonderful.
Pat **GILLIES**
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Kalispell, Mt. 59901
E-mail: jgillies@cyberport.net

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Would like to find info. about my gg father, Abraham C. **HANSELMAN,** b. 1831 in Columbiana Co., Oh. He traveled to Steuben Co., ca 1850, Married Rebecca **SMITH,** had three daughters, was widowed and remarried to Margaret E. **SHATTO.** Later moved on to Kansas. The father of Abraham was George **HANSELMAN**. I think some of Abraham's siblings also lived in the county. My gg mother, Margaret, was the daughter of William **SHATTO** who moved to Steuben with his family and some of the children married there: Harriett mar. a John **MORGAN**. No info on him, Jerimiah mar. Josephine **DAUGHERTY/DAUGHADAY**. Moved on to MI. Willing to share the info I have.
Margaret **PITT**
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Bountiful, Utah 84010

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Eunice W. **HARRIS**, B- 3 Jan. 1827, "Nida" New York - mar. Henry B. **GUNSAULLUS** (1825-1873) in Steuben, and D 2/11/1908, Bourbon Co., KS. Who were Eunice's siblings? Was this her second marriage? Any clues as to her parents? I am at a complete standstill with my missing lady, Eunice! Thanks!
Wilda **MARSHALL BROWN**
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"Box of pictures" young woman by fireplace wearing pantaloons. Back: "Lulu **LaGRAND**" born in Carcassia- 19 yrs. old - Info in our history of Mr. **LeGRAND** . Falsifying records- Any help from anyone?
Hester **WILSON**
20675 64th St.
South Haven, MI 49090

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Seeking Jonathan **Myers** B-OH 1817. In "Household of John **MARTIN**" in 1859 Census.
Marilyn **MYERS**
5671 Norwald Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46220

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Delighted with "History" , index a big job!
Mr. & Mrs. Richard **WHITE** of Pomona Park, FLA

Steuben County Teachers' Association

The following is the program of the Steuben County Teachers' Association to be held at Fremont, Saturday, April 9, 1898

FRIDAY EVENING.

LECTURE —"POLITICS- A FINE ART."
... HON. GRANT FELLOWS

SATURDAY FORENOON.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME
... HON. E. G. MELENDY
RESPONSE
... PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION
PAPER - "MENTAL FATIGUE"
... MISS ALMA BAUM
PAPER - " LANGUAGE WORK IN INTERMEDIATE GRADES"
... S. M. DUDLEY
VIOLIN SOLO
... MISS NELLIE CASWELL
PAPER - "NUMBER WORK IN PRIMARY GRADES"
... MISS MARY MOUNTZ
ELECTION OF OFFICERS ...

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

CORNET SOLO
... PROF. A. M. HOLBROOK
SYMPOSIUM - " THE WAVE QUESTION"
... TRUSTEES - DUNNAVAN, JONES, STRAYER
... TEACHERS - MOODY, JUDSON, TINTHIA, YOUNG
GENERAL DISCUSSION
VOCAL SOLO
... MISS NELLIE CASWELL
GENERAL DISCUSSION - "TIME OF COUNTY INSTITUTE"

It is desired that as many as possible will be present Friday evening. Half rates have been secured at the Hilton House. Those who prefer lodging at a private house will have places reserved by notifying Prof. C. K. McCally at Fremont.

Source: Steuben Republican, Wednesday, March 30, 1898, Page 2, col. 5

School Report

The following is the report of the Angola public schools for the month ending March 5, 1898, compared with the corresponding month of last year:

	1897	1898
Number of Pupils enrolled	323	337
Average daily attendance	303	325
Percent of attendance	94	96
Number neither absent nor tardy	125	159
Number of cases of tardiness	40	55
Number of visits from parents	26	166

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the term ending March 5, 1898:

Carl Bigler
Hazel Bressler
Edwina Freygang
Burdice Huston
Louie Hendry
Alta Junod
Frank Kreuder
Kenneth Miller
Ivah Whitewell
Georgie Beard
Merlin Culver
Gay Hall
Zulu Ireland
Belle Kreuder
Shirley Waller
Daisy West
Boyd Spicer
Claude Bellinger
Josie Finch
Neva Gillis
Debbie Snyder
Kenneth Snyder
Jimmie Hall
Gean Kellogg
Anna Bell
Mildred Hauver
Eva Beil
Ray Bolin
Ralph Goodale
Pearl Hathaway
Winnie Hathaway
Mabel Beard
Veva Castell
Frances Gillis
Guy Ritter
Alta Waller
Willie Wolford
Lois Carpenter
Jessie Jarrard
Elza Hirst
Leta Lamberson
Vera Steury
Mildred Watkins
Gay West
Mazie Bremigam
Harold Wood
Leona Weicht
Mae Vandy
Ethel Bolin
Marian Gale
Marie Welch
Cleon Wells
Earl McNaughton
Chas Isenhour
John Somers
Jennie Stahl
Vera Gilbert
Glen Zipfel
Etta Cary
Walter Randall
Vesta Flint
Nellie Castell
Ford Mugg
Wallace Purinton
Vangie Pilliod
Fred Croxton
Franz Melendy
Isa Morse
Nellie Cary
Louis Gates
George Ireland
Harry Sharritt
Esther Wickwire
Amy Hartman

The Secret of Longevity by Sir James SAWYER (Physician, Birmingham, England - 1898)

1. Eight hours sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Keep your bedroom window open at night.
4. Have a mat to your bedroom door.
5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
6. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
9. (For adults) Drink no milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
15. Watch the three D's - drinking water, damp and drains.
16. Have change in occupation.
17. Take frequent and short holidays.
18. Limit your ambition.

SCGS Internet Workshop

Saturday August 1, 1998 2-5 PM

The Steuben County Genealogical Society will have an internet workshop at the Carnegie Public Library in Angola.

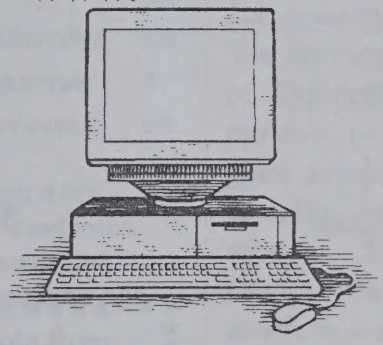
It will be held on Saturday, August 1, from 2-5pm. A sign-up sheet was circulated at the June meeting.

All spaces for the workshop were filled at that time. Another workshop may be planned for the future if there is enough interest. We hope to familiarize our local membership to the genealogical resource that is the internet.

The library has a wonderful computer system that was in part purchased with money from a bequest of an Angola resident. We hope that this workshop will help our membership use the facility and the computer system more fully. The internet is a wonderful tool lets all learn how to use it. Hope to see you there.

Steuben County Mailing List

Steuben County has it's own mailing list on the WWW!



This is *ONLY* for any people that are researching: Steuben County, Indiana .

Purpose of this list?
This is the online place where discussions and queries can be shared by people that are researching Steuben County and the people of Steuben County..

To Subscribe or Unsubscribe, which means join in and have fun, (and by the way, it is FREE),

Send an E-mail to: I N S T E U B E - L - request@rootsweb.com

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After that you will receive email as it comes through. Mail on the list is mostly in the form of queries, and a helping hand from someone regarding the queries.

The mail will not overload you, on average it will be only a handful a week.

Being on the mailing list is a fun way to find others and to share information. If you are more comfortable sitting and watching the mail go back and forth, then that can be done, too.

http://www.rootsweb.com/~insteube/s-list/index.html

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603 S. Jackson Street
Auburn, IN 46706-2298

In This Issue... Focus on the events happening in Steuben County, Indiana in 1898. Packed with Queries!

Publications For Sale :

"1885 History of Steuben County"
$69.95
and
"The Original Landowners of Steuben County!"
$19.95

Plus 5% IN sales tax
Postage For "History" $8.00
Postage For "Landowners" $3.00
(Postage For both- $11)
Mail check or money order to:
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Angola, IN 46703

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Angola, Indiana 46703

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News note from:
January 1898

"The wells about town are nearly all dry, a sad state of affairs in the middle of the winter. It is the dryest time we have ever known. Much sickness is the result of low water in wells."

SCGS Latest News

Fall Fest is a festival held each year in Angola. The *SCGS* crew was there. This year provided many interesting visitors to our booth. We enjoyed the warmth of the sun instead of our usual rainy cold Fall Fest days.

Steuben County Genealogical Society

This year we held a raffle, with the prize being Quentin **Watkins** book, "*Original Landowners of Steuben County*". The drawing was held the evening of September 23, 1998, at our monthly program meeting. Our guest speaker of the evening, Jana **Broglin**, was invited to draw the winner. The lucky person was Gladys **Barron**, from Angola. Much to our delight, Ms. **Barron** was in the audience.

We were privileged to accept several books member Julie **Duncan** had found. Ms. **Duncan** gave the society a marvelous scrapbook, ledger, city directories, and several old report cards. Ms. **Duncan** has been very generous with her donations to the society. She has certainly helped us to build our reference material.

Also, on the same night we received a book that Niann **Lautzenhiser** found called *Winzeler Family Lines in America*, 2nd edition 1992. Thank you, Ms. **Lautzenhiser**, for your contribution. Surely with the wonderful indexing in the back someone who visits the genealogy department will find it informative.

There is much concern among us over the recent vandalism at local cemeteries. Having such an interest in preserving the cemetery the society has been working on options to help put a stop to this. More details will be reported as this new project develops.

The year is coming to a close as winter approaches. We all hope your summer and fall has been fruitful in finding what you need to further your research.

See you next year!

Kathleen Hamman O'Neill, Editor
Steuben County
Genealogical Society

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Kathleen **Hamman-O'Neill**, Editor.

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SCGS Program Notes

by Sue Kratzman

15 June 1998

The Weicht Funeral Home of Angola, IN was founded in 1854. It is the oldest independent funeral home in Indiana. The sixth generation is now in the business.

Leopold **Weicht** came to the US in the 1830's with his brother from Baden, Germany. He started a cabinet shop in 1854 and also made caskets. When his son Henry joined the business, Leopold changed the named to L. E. **Weicht** and Son.

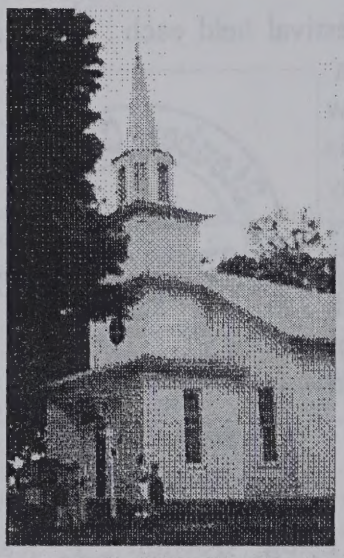
The oldest death certificate in Steuben County is dated 1885. Early death certificates were documents showing the deceased death date, not who they were related to. Oftentimes, the only mention was "the wife of" or "the child of".

Obituaries were written after the funeral, so that all persons could be listed. It was then given to newspapers to print.

Greg **Sharrow** with Pat **Harrington**

20 July 1998

Gregg **Sharrow**, Folklorist, of the State of Vermont, spoke to members and guests at Powers Church.



What is folklore? It is the kind of things that we grow up with that have been passed through generations that take forms of stories, foods, customs and the like. Folklore includes the traditional culture of a community.

Powers Church was the setting for this informative evening. It was built in 1876. The church is listed on the Register of National Landmarks. In 1976 it was restored to its original condition. Still included are the old belfry, kerosene lamps, butternut pews, church organ and two colonial New England doors. These doors were made so the exterior panels form a cross. An evening to remember.

August 1998

August guest speaker, Carol **Collins**, spoke on newspaper Research. Ms. **Collins** explained there are two facets in newspaper genealogy:

1. Active
2. Passive

Active facets is what you have control over. These include queries and want ads. Queries should provide full name, time period and locality. Want-ads can be placed on the Internet at: http://www.siteone.com/clubs/mgs/newstand.htm. This is a genealogy column from around the world.

References to old newspapers include: **Brigham**'s "Union List of Newspapers, History and Biography of American newspapers 1690-1820", "IMS Directory of Publications - International", **Milner**'s 3 volumes "Newspaper Indexes: A Location and Subject Guide".

It was suggested to check the Reference and History departments in university and college libraries.

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"A monument is erected not because a person died, but because he lived." Weicht

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Internet Workshop

by Roger Lash

The *Steuben County Genealogical Society* held a workshop on August 1, 1998 from 2 to 5 p.m. The workshop was held at the *Carnegie Public Library* in Angola. Volunteers Jean Ann **Childers**, Mindee **Gleason**, Janet **Shawver**, Leann **Pocock**, and Roger **Lash** helped the thirteen people whom attended. Thanks needs to be given to the Carnegie Library staff for their help in planning the event. Without Sonja **Dintaman** and Laura **Harris** of the library staff the day would not have been possible. A special thanks to Don **Hiner** the library director who was supportive of this educational effort from its inception, and without whose support and approval the workshop would not have been possible. I also at this time need to thank Richard **Breedlove** my computer mentor for his help and patience while I learned about the net.

THANK YOU !

Don Hiner,
Sonja Dintaman,
Laura Harris,
Jean Ann Childers,
Mindee Gleason,
Janet Shawver,
Leann Pocock,
Richard Breedlove

For all your help!
Roger Lash

The groups meet before the workshop for a brief period where they signed up to use the Internet at the library. They received several handouts containing useful information about the Internet and some background information on computer terminology. The participants also received some of the most helpful URL's for genealogists on the Internet. They were able in the time that remained to explore those URL's for their specific research. [An URL is the address you use to access the web site.] Some of the web sites that were searched were: U. S. Gen Web at http://www.usgenweb.org, Cyndi's List at http://www.CyndisList.com, and our own Steuben Co. Web site at http://www.rootsweb.com/~insteube/index.html. The helpers were on hand to assist with any questions that came up during the web searches. They each brought some of their own search expertise to the workshop to share.

I think most people got over their fear of the Internet. Most of them in the time they had only were able to see a small portion of what information is available. I have been asked when the next workshop will be held? We will wait for the library to get some more computers in a concentrated area where more people can work together. This saves wear and tear on our volunteers who had to run from computer to computer all afternoon.

U. S. GenWeb
http://www.usgenweb.org
Cyndi Howell's List
http://www.CyndisList.com
Steuben County INGenWeb
http://www.rootsweb.com/~insteube/index.html

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Fall Fest 1998

The *Steuben County Genealogical Society* had a booth at the Angola Fall Fest on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20, 1998. We had on sale, copies of the *History of Steuben County 1885*, *Original Landowners of Steuben County*, T-shirts & Sweatshirts with the *SCGS* Logo on them, and back issues of the *SCGS Quarterly* newsletter. We also had handouts pertaining to becoming a member of the *SCGS*, family history & pedigree sheets, and purchasing the 1885 and Landowners books.

We sold 3 of the *History of Steuben County 1885*, 2 *Original Landowners*, 9 newsletters and received two memberships.

In addition, we had a raffle for one of the *Original Landowners of Steuben County* books and took in $61.00. At our September 21, 1998 meeting, the winner was drawn. Gladys **BARRON** of Angola, Indiana won the book and was present at the meeting.

I would like to thank the people who volunteered their time Saturday and Sunday and helped man the booth.

Linda
HIGGINS BOYER
Treasurer
Steuben County
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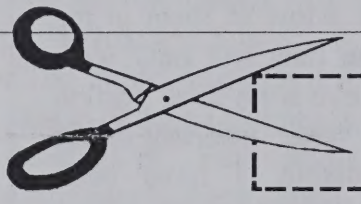
Congratulations,

Gladys
BARRON
of
Angola, Indiana



Developing A Point Of View
by e. gene gorrell

*Dan **Pixley**'s and Burt **Sahli**'s Barber Shops*

Bert **Sahli**'s and Dan **Pixley**'s Barber Shops were popular social gathering places, too. We liked Bert's haircuts better but they were a quarter. So we went to Dan **Pixley**'s for his 15 cent children's special when we were little. We didn't like him as well because his clippers always seemed to pull a little, and he wasn't quite as talkative and friendly as Bert.

Dan once got pretty upset with the publishers of the weekly *Steuben Republican* newspaper people. he called in a request to the classifieds' department to advertise his sideline business of clock cleaning. The ad was supposed to read, "**CLOCKS CLEANED, SEE DAN PIXLEY, P. LAKE.**" When the ad appeared, the typesetters had (inadvertently?) left the "**L**" out of clocks. A parade of customers stopped by to get appraisals for the new service Dan was offering. Some of the town ladies even snickered when they walked by his shop. Dan never really lived down that incident.

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Steuben Queries

Searching for information about my father, Charlie McKinley **ALLOMONG** (b.May 13, 1896 in Angola, d.Jan 24, 1968 in Denver) and his ancestors. Other surnames of interest are **KLINGMAN, RARICK,** and **BARRINGER**.

Darrell **ALLOMONG**
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Pompano Beach, FL 33060
allomong@icanect.net

Seeking information on Christ. **OBERST(OBREST)** that served in the Civil War, 44th Reg. Vol. Ind. Inf. Possible relative of Francis Xavier **OBREST** that came from Switzerland around 1845-47... and settled first in Homer, Mi., and then in Coldwater Mi., My father is a John Francis **OBREST** born in Coldwater., Mi (his father John C. **OBREST** b. Coldwater, MI)

Also seeking info. on George **OBERLIN**, 155th Ind. Inf.

Thank you,
Mary Lucille **Goodman (OBREST)**
gngoodman@centuryinter.net
5871 Barber Rd.
Hale, Michigan 48739

Looking for information about Benjamin **DYGERT** (b: 6 Feb 1822, Mohawk Valley, NY; d: 9 Aug 1907, Steuben Co., IN) who married Phebe Ann **CARPENTER** (b: 25 Dec 1825, NY, d: 9 Aug 1909, Steuben Co., IN). They resided south of Fremont, Steuben Co., IN. Their six known children: Manda **DYGERT** (b: 1846, d: 1939) married John **RYAN**.

Louisa Jane **DYGERT** (b: 2 Sept. 1850, d: 30 Jun 1915) married Arby **CLARK**.

Levi W. **DYGERT** (b: 15 May 1852, d: 5 Sep 1854)

George Adam **DYGERT** (b: 23 Aug 1857, d: 1 Jun ?) married Emma **GILBERT**.

Garrett Harvey **DYGERT** (b: 19 May 1860, d: 1918) married Mary Melvina **CASWELL**.

Lana **DYGERT**
The line we are following is Louisa Jane **DYGERT** (b: 2 Sept 1850, d: 30 Jun 1915) married Arby **CLARK.**
Their children are:

Ray **CLARK** (b: 22 Jan 1876, d: 1962) married Luella **McCLUE**.

Nina **CLARK** (b: 1879, d: 14 Apr 1897).

Clara **CLARK** (b: 6 Apr 1879) married Mr. **SHEPHERD** and Mr. **CRAWFORD**.

Mae **CLARK** (b: 12 Oct 1881) married I.J. **PHENICIE**.

Leah **CLARK** (b: 20 Jun 1885, d: 24 Dec 1970) married John **PARKHURST**.

Arla **CLARK** (b: 14 Mar 1888, d: 4 Feb 1970)

Please contact:
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Greenville, MI 48838
gerryc@iserv.net

I am looking for information on John C **LADD**, born Ohio 1865 died 1938 in DeKalb, and Julia A. **MEDLEY**, born in Ohio 1870, died in 1954 in DeKalb. Both buried in Old Metz cemetery in Steuben County. Their children: John Leo, Elias, Claud, Nellie **LADD GETTYS**, Fannie **LADD BRAND**, Amy **LADD WRIGHT**.

Arnold **Ladd**
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California, MO 65018-1285

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Angola, IN 46703
or email:
rsrchetal@locl.net

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Additions to Genealogy Collection

These books come from the collection of member, Dorthea M. **Houser**.

1. *Life Among the Indians*
   by Rev. James B. **Finley**
2. *Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America*
   Vol. 1 & II
   by John **Fiske** (1903)
4. *New France and New England*
   by John **Fiske** (1904)
5. *The Year of Decision 1846*
   by Bernard **DeVoto** (1943)
6. *Camp Fires of the Revolution*
   by Henry C. **Watson** (1850)
7. *History of Indiana 1816 - 1856*
   by John B. **Dillion** (1859)
8. *Life of Wm **McKinley***
   and Story of his Assassination
   by Marshall **Everett** (1901)
9. *Brief History of U. S.*
   by Joel and Esther **Steele** (1885)
10. *History of Indiana Historical Society*
    1830 - 1980
    by Lana **Ruegamer**
11. *History of Henry **Esmond**, Esq.*
    by Wm. Makepeace **Thackery** (1852)
12. *Life of George **Washington***
    by John **Marshall** (1859)
13. *U. S. Infantry Tactics*
    Adopted by Secty. of War May 1, 1861
14. *History of the U. S.*
    by William **Grimshaw** (1832)
15. *Biographical and Genealogical History of*
    Wayne, Fayette, Union, and Franklin
    Counties, Indiana, Vol. II (1899)
16. *History of the United States*
    by Wm. C. **Bryant** and Sydney H. **Gay**
17. *Counties of LaGarnge & Noble Indiana*
    (1882)
18. *Survey of American Church Records*
    Vol. I & II (1959 -1960)
    by E. Kay **Kirkham**
19. *Soldiers of Indiana Who Died in Andersonville*
    Prison 1864-1865
    by Commission (1909)
20. Fort Necessity & Historic Shrines of Redstone County PA (1932)
21. *Indiana - A New Historical Guide* (1989)
22. *The Story of the 36th Regiment*
    Indiana Volunteer Infantry (1891)
23. *Society of Mayflower Descendants, State of*
    N. Y., 4th Record Book, October 1912
24. *Society of Mayflower Descendants, State of*
    N. Y., 5th Record Book, September 1922
25. *Society of Mayflower Descendants, State of*
    N. Y., 6th Record Book, September 1926
26. *History Of Indiana* (1874) [Pages 177-732]
27. *Civil War in Pictures*
    by Fletcher **Pratt** (1955)
28. *Pioneer Ancestors of Society of Indiana Pioneers* (1983)
29. *Origins of Williamston*
    by Arthur L. **Perry**
30. *Beginnings of New England*
    by John **Fiske** (1898)
31. *Illinois* (1947)
32. *Pictorial Book, War of Rebellion*
    by Frazar **Kirkland** (1889)
33. *Ten Mile Country Its Pioneer Families*
    by Howard **Leckey** (1977)
34. *Private Soldiers Under **Washington***
    by Charles Knowles **Bolton** (1902)
35. *Roster of S. Carolina Patriots*
    in American Revolution
    by Bobby G. **Moss** (1983)
36. *History of Hancock County Indiana*
    by George **Richman** (1916)
37. *History of the N. Indiana Conf. 1917 - 1956*
    Methodist (1957)
38. *History of DeKalb County 1885*
39. *Turning Point 1958*
40. *1955 Steuben County*
    by Harvey **Morley**
41. *Connecticut Beautiful*
    by Wallace **Nutting**
42. *Church of Christ, Norfolk Conn. 1760 - 1960*
43. *Connecticut Guide to Roads, Lore & People*
44. *History of Norfolk, Conn. 1744 to 1900*
    by **Crissey**
45. *The Western Reserve*

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Bodley/McConnell - April 14, 1875

Concert hall was well filled Friday evening, March 2, with spellers and spectators. Dr. **McConnell** and Conk **Bodley** as captains, chose sides according to the good old custom, except that perhaps they paid rather less heed to the assortment of girls for their hearts sake than for spelling. Webster's Elementary was used as cartridge box, Prof. J. W. **Cowen** as shooter and E. B. **Glaslow** as marker. The "sick, wounded and worthless" were cared for by O. B. **Dunning**. The first one to fall was Charles **Orton** on the word "Papal." The contest continued from 8:00 until nearly 11, when Mrs. **Eldridge**, the last of the **Bodley** force, succumbed, leaving six of the **McConnell** array who took possession of the field. below we give a full list of names as reported to us. Persons whose names are marked with a star were not spelled down. In some cases we were unable to learn the words spelled and missed.

BODLEY'S SIDE.

The Speller.	The Word.	How Spelled.
Capt **Bodley**	Granary	Grannery
R V **Carlin**	Rascalion	Rascallion
Rev E **Andrus**	Seignoir	Seignor
Mrs R V **Carlin**	Lanch	Launch
Mrs J W **Cowen**	Synchronism	Syncronism
Mrs L R **Williams**	Je	Ge
Mrs **Andrus**	Knur	Gnur
A W **Long**	Rescission	Rescision
Sarah **Gaylord**	Jagg	Jag
Sarah **Eldredge**	Horizontal	Horrizontal
John **Kinney**	Knag	Gnag
Sim **Latson**	Grammar	Grammer
N P **Lewis**	Symmetry	Symetry
Miss **McCormick**	Elysain	Elysion
Byron **Work**	Eryngo	Eringo
W B **Good**	Labyrinth	Labarynth
David **Eberly**	Knag	Nagg
Mrs **Butler**	Carbineer	Carbonier
Ellen **Gleason**	Carbineer	Carbenier
E A **Bratton**	Jacinth	Jacynth
Dudley **Marsh**	Burthen	Berthen
John **Parsell**	Sanity	Sanaty
M B **Butler**	Pomegranate	Pomgranate
Joseph **Moore**	Comity	Comety
O. W. **Parish**	Knag	Knagg
Lyman **Aldrich**	Amethyst	Amethist
Mary **Squier**	Gluttony	Glutony
Ella **Abbey**	Paschal	Pascal
Joseph **Butler**	Nasal	Nazal
Wm. **Ream**	Bronchotomy	Broncotamy
Homer **Twichell**	Tapestry	Tapastry

M'CONNELL'S SIDE.

The Speller.	The Word.	How Spelled.
Capt **McConnell**	Granary	Granery
F **Macartney**	Wi	Wy
*Mrs C E **Kinney**		
Frank **Andrus**	Medullary	Medulary
*Laura **Kelly**		
*Miss **Carter**		
Prof **Williams**	Equinoctial	Equinoxial
Elder **Aylsworth**	Knag	Nag
* H H **Keep**		
Mrs **Smith**		
James **Scoville**	Knag	Gnag
J H **Beard**	Labyrinth	Laberinth
Thomas **Baxter**	Oleaginous	Oleagenous
Hale **Day**	Jettison	Jetison
Mrs D **Eberly**	Digit	Diget
W (?) **Howard**	Knag	Gnag
Miss **Delancey**	Carbineer	Carboner
F **Chadwick**	Nasal	Nazel
Miss **Jackson**	Narcissus	Narrcissous
Angie **Hendry**	Sigil	Scigile
Clara **Day**		
L H **Stocker**	Synchronism	Scynchronism
Mrs **Twichell**	Synchronism	Syncronism
Charles **Orton**	Papal	Papel
Dell **Day**	Synthesis	Cinthesis
Mrs **Patterson**	Bateau	Bato
Michael **Cline**	Knur	Knure
J A **Woodhull**		
Billy **Morse**	Elysian	Elission
Mrs **Johnson**	Bronchotomy	Brochotomy
*Mrs **Butler**		
*Mrs **Ed Johnson**		

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Roll of Company H, 74th Indiana Regiment

Published 7 March 1863

The whereabouts and condition of each member of Co. H, 74th Ind. Reg.

Capt. S. B. **George**	Present in camp, not able for duty.
Lieut. L. **Gates**	All sound on the goose question in everything.
Sergt. John **Snider**	Present and able for duty.
Sergt. Giles **Siccam**	Sick in the hospital at Gallatin, Tenn,quite poor.
Sergt. N. **Pettibone**	Sick in the hospital at Gallatin, but improving.
Sergt. M. **Perfect**	Present and able for duty.
Sergt. Ora **Pierce**	Present and able for duty.
Corp'l Sam **Cole**	Present and always well.
Corp'l S. J. **Rose**	present, has been sick, does duty now.
Corp'l John **Stout**	Present and able for light duty most of the time.
Corp'l A. J. **Hull**	Present, is our cook and always on hand for fun.
Corp'l Geo. **Rummell**	Sent to hospital in Nashville a week ago, heard he went from there to Louisville, will be discharged.
Corp'l James **Pew**	Left at Danville, was transferred to Louisville, Hospital 22.
Corp'l John **Cleland**	Sick at Gallatin but getting better.
Jacob D. **Abbey**	Left sick at Louisville, marked for a discharge.
Halbert C. **Burch**	Present but complaining a great deal of the time.
John G. **Bennett**	Present and able for duty.
James E. **Benedict**	Present and well, is regimental Ambulance driver.
Issac **Crawford**	Present, claims to be lame and unable for duty.
Edgar **Closson**	Present, all sound every time.
David **Cope**	Present, but always grumbling when anything is to be done.
Nelson **Cole**	Present and able for duty.
Robert **Dove**	Present but complaining.
Simon **Fitting**	Present, all sound.
Everett **Goodrich**	Present and able for duty.
Leman **Griffith**	Present and always ready.
George **Geer**	Present, sick in regimental hospital.
Henry **Hauver**	In the hospital but getting better fast.
Silas **Huffman**	Well, nurse in the hospital here.
Asa **Huffman**	Present and able for duty.
Mortimer **Kemory**	Present and able for duty.
Peter **Kemery**	Present, able for duty only part of the time, sickly, but fat as a pig.
George **Lowther**	Sick in Nashville.
Nelson **Letts**	Present and well.
Orlenzo **Light**	Present and always on hand.
Ellis M. **Lee**	Detailed in the Pioneer corps, healthy and well.
Samuel **Lininger**	Hospital steward here in town, is a splendid hand for everything.
George **Lonsdale**	Sick in Nashville.
J. B. **Lemon**	Present, on duty part of the time, troubled with a bad cold.
James **Lemon**	Sick in Gallatin but improving.
Charles **Latson**	Present and able for duty.
William **Moore**	Present, but unwell.
C. A. **Morse**	In the hospital here but getting better.
Pomeroy **Miller**	Present but unwell.
Frank **Merritt**	Present and able for light duty.

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The Genealogist's Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my research gave to me, a patriarch in a family tree.
On the second day of Christmas, my research gave to me, two attic trunks and a patriarch in a family tree.
On the third day of Christmas, my research gave to me, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the fourth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks,and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the fifth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the sixth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the seventh day of Christmas, my research gave to me, seven diaries brimming, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the eighth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, eight closet skeletons, seven diaries brimming, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the ninth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, nine Nordic sailors, eight closet skeletons, seven diaries brimming, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the tenth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, ten knights on horses, nine Nordic sailors, eight closet skeletons, seven diaries brimming, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the eleventh day of Christmas, my research gave to me, twelve kings in England, eleven books on Heraldry, ten knights on horses, nine Nordic sailors, eight closet skeletons, seven diaries brimming, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.
On the twelfth day of Christmas, my research gave to me, twelve kings in England, eleven books on Heraldry, ten knights on horses, nine Nordic sailors, eight closet skeletons, seven diaries brimming, six wills in probate, five Pilgrim lines, four French men, three town clerks, two attic trunks, and a patriarch in the family tree.

Written by President Emeritus Malcom S. Ferguson, Clan Fergusson Society of North America. Found in "Rhode Island Roots" periodical, Vol. 18, No. 4, page 118.

Submitted by Sue Kratzman

Roll of Company H, 74th Ind. Reg.

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Joseph B. **Nichols**	Sick at Gallatin.
Henry **Pomeroy**	Present and able for duty.
John **Pheuicie**	Present and able for duty.
William **Parker**	Present but sickly, yet fat as a pig.
Solomn **Parker**	Present and able for duty.
Jacob **Rummel**	Present but unwell most of the time.
Jacob **Stutler**	Present but complaining quite often.
Alonzo **Smiley**	Sick at Nashville, hospital 13.
Err **Scoville**	Present and able for duty.
Henry R. **Sines**	Sick at Nashville.
Charles **Summerlin**	Present but does no duty, wants a discharge, can't get it.
William **Tasker**	Present, all sound.
George **Vose**	Present, has a bad cold.
Walter **Vaughn**	Present and able for duty.
William **Willis**	Present but lame, limping on both legs at once.
William H. **Warn**	Present, but always sick and complaining.
Robert **Warn**	Present and able for duty.
William S. **Wolf**	Sick at Nashville.
Harvey **Wakefield**	Present, improving.
James **Willoby**	Present and complaining.
James **Wilcott**	Present and well, is an ambulance driver.

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Farmers' Institute, January 1898

Farmers' Institute.

The coming event for Steuben county is the Farmers' Institute to be held in Angola, Jan. 13, 14, 15. The president, F. B. **VanAuken,** has labored night and day to present the best program possible, and our readers may be assured that he has not failed but the rather made. a great success of his undertaking. Now let the people plan to attend every session. The program is substantially as follows:

THURSDAY, 10 A. M.

Opening remarks by the President.
Paper — "*Care and Feeding of Live Stock*"
... Chas. **McClue**

Discussion following to be led by M. T. **Rose** as to sheep, H. N. **VanAuken** as to hogs, Ed **Smith** as to cattle, and O. W. **Fisk** as to horses..

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Ellen P. **Alcott** presiding.
Paper — "*Scientific Cooking*"
... Mrs.Estella **Creel**
Paper — "*Birds of Northern Indiana*"
... Mrs. Jane L. **Hine**, of Waterloo
Paper — "*Poultry*"... Mrs. **Huber**
Paper — "*The Farmer's Best Crop*"
... Mrs. Lettie **Squire**

The discussion on "*Birds*" to be opened by Mrs. L. M. **Sniff**; on "*The Farmer's Best Crop*," by Mrs. Luke **Barr**.

THURSDAY EVENING.

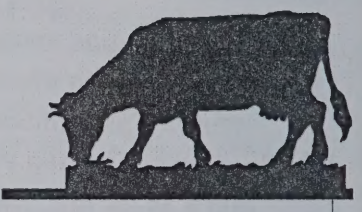
Recitation — "*A Country Boy's Day at the County Fair*" (Original) ... Irving **Wickman**
Lecture — "*Sugar Beet Culture in Indiana*"
... Prof. H. A. **Huston**,
of Purdue University
Remarks by A. O. **Lockridge**, of Greencastle.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Appointment of committees on nomination of officers and resolutions.
Address — "*Outlook in Agriculture*"
... Mr. **Lockridge**
Paper — "*Growth and Drainage*"
... Alva **Carpenter**
Address — "*Improvement of Soils*"
.. Prof. **Huston**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Address — "*Why and How Educate Farmers' Sons and Daughters*"
... Prof. L. M. **Sniff**
Address — "*Prevention of Diseases Among Swine*"
... Mr. **Lockridge**
Address — "*Manurial Value of Farm Wastes*"
... Prof. **Huston**



FRIDAY EVENING

Address — "*Clover and Other Fertilizers*"
... Prof. **Huston**
Address — "*The Sunny Side of Farm Life*"
...Mr. **Lockridge**

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Paper — "The Mutton Sheep" ... W. M. **Stayer**
Address — "*Commercial and Agricultural Value of Manures*" ... Prof. **Huston**
Address — "*Suggestions to Beginners in the Cattle Business*" ... Mr. **Lockridge**

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Reports of committees and elections of officers.
Remarks by Prof. **Huston** and Mr. **Lockridge**.
Address — "*Soils*" ... A. W. **Long**

Editors Note:
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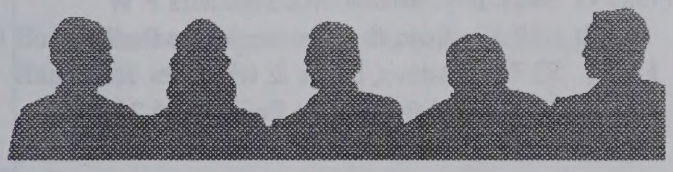
Frank S. **Roby**, Judge, 35th Judicial Circuit
Willis **Rhoads**, Prosecuting Attorney
Newton W. **Gilbert**, State Senator
Marvin B. **Butler**, Representative
John B. **Parsell**, Clerk Circuit Court
James B. **Watkins**, County Auditor
A. W. **Long**, County Treasurer
Henry **Hauver**, County Sheriff
Thad K. **Miller**, County Recorder
Ben. F. **Ellis**, County Surveyor
Jacob **Stealy**, County Coroner
G. S. **McNett**, County Commissioner
Morris **Brown**, County Commissioner
Albert **Omstead**, County Commissioner
Homer **Dilworth**, County Sup't. of Schools
Lewis **Griffith**, County Assessor

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Name	Township	Postoffice
F. G. **Salisbury**	Millgrove	Orland
Miles A. **Jones**	Jamestown	Crook'd Creek
Henry C. **Pew**	Fremont	Fremont
W. M. **Strayer**	Clear Lake	Ray
J. B. **Dunnavan**	York	Page
Albert **Ewing**	Scott	Angola
Ezra L. **Dodge**	Pleasant	Angola
Truman **Roberts**	Jackson	Flint
M. F. **Wright**	Salem	Salem Center
Geo. W. **Gilbert**	Steuben	Pleasant Lake
Kyrus **Oberlin**	Otsego	Hamilton
John B. **Allman**	Richland	Metz



JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Name	Township	Postoffice
R. F. **Rhoads**	Millgrove	Nevada Mills
W. L. **Balch**	Fremont	Fremont
B. J. **Goff**	Fremont	Fremont
Burton **Young**	Fremont	Ray
David S. **Griggs**	York	York
Nelson J. **Letts**	Scott	Fremont
James **Turley**	Pleasant	Angola
Israel **Kemery**	Pleasant	Angola
John K. **Morrow**	Pleasant	Angola
Ward **Philo**	Jackson	Flint
A. G. **Parsell**	Salem	Hudson
James J. **Wren**	Salem	Helmer
F. M. **Kelley**	Steuben	Ashley
Chas. A. **Ingalls**	Steuben	Pleasant Lake
J. W. **Thomas**	Otsego	Hamilton
John W. **Goodale**	Richland	Metz
Otis M. **Gilmore**	Richland	Hamilton

SCGS Program Notes

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☛A useful hint: Use blue or green transparent plastic sheets when reading old newspapers; yellow for microfilm.

September 14, 1998

Jana **Broglin** provided us with "Usual and Unusual Sources" in locating ancestors. Along with delightful stories and interesting pictures, Ms. **Broglin** provided us with many excellent ideas to further our research.

Some sources include:

Pension records, Census, Diaries, Enumeration's of Crippled Youth, Jail registers, Justice of Peace, Coroner, Military, Mortuary, Patent, Liquor Black list, Illegal abortions, Bastardy cases, TB hospitals, Orphans' home, Insane Asylums, Girls' Industrial Homes, County home , Divorce records, Sate Legislative Acts, Wills, Indenture, Infirmary, State Penitentiary, "WANTED" posters, Newspaper items, and Military records. These records might help provide insight on our famous or infamous relatives.

See You Next Year!

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Commissioners' Allowance

Allowances of commissioners for the March 1898 session:

William **Burford** printing & misc. ...$117.00
Franklin **Cary**, railing for stairs in courthouse ...$3.50
Homer **Dilworth**, county sup't ...$308.00, postage and expenses ...$5.75
Isaac **Williamson**, repairs for surveyor ...$4.50, work on coal stove, coal hod, and cuspidors ...$2.20
Thad **Miller**, two flue stops ...$.25, Salary ...$275.00
T L **Gillis**, supplies for courthouse ...$.80
Theodore **Sholtz**, fixing lawn mower ...$.75
Jacob **Stealy**, mileage to Ashley ...$1.00
James B. **McCool**, tax refund ...$1.00
W S **Gilbert**, viewer on road ...$1.50
Chas **Wickwire**, gravel & work on road ...$6.60
Wesley **Cruson**, posting delinquent tax notices ...$6.00
B J **Goff**, return of fines ...$1.60
William L **Balch**, return of fines ...$1.60
Bodley & Co., toilet paper ...$21.25
Bellfountain Bridge Co. ...$119.00
Isaac **Souder**, viewer of road ...$3.00
W K **Sheffer**, printing ...$5.00
Mary **Robinett**, damages allowed by reviewers on road ...$30.00
James B **Watkins**, auditor's salary ...$475.00, postage for three month ...$4.00
T E **Legg**, balance due him on salary ...$45.89
Henry **Hauver**, attending com'r court ...$20.00, state benevolent ...$9.85, criminal ...$35.75
William H. **Phelps**, truant officer ...$90.00
W H **Lane**, express charges ...$1.88
H K **Milford**, 1 regenerator, 50 lbs formaldehyde container ...$38.25
E O **Rose**, printing ...$8.40
German American Ins. Co., on jail ...$45.00
Franklin Ins., on jail ...$54.00
E O **Rose**, misc. publishing ...$52.70
L **Taylor**, salary ...$1.25, postage ...$.75, paid F J **Schols**, Treas of State ...$96.00
Theron D. **Murry**, 2 days auditing board ...$7.00
A H **Olmstead**, 4 days auditing board ...$14.00
Morris **Brown**, 3 days auditing board ...$10.50
3 days auditing board ...$10.50
G S **McNett**, 4 days auditing board ...$14.00
Henry **Linder**, coal - courthouse & jail ...$390.00
Children's Aid Society, quarter for Mar ...$188.65, for December ...$111.65
A T **Swift**, janitor at courthouse & jail ...$90.00
T L **Gillis**, oil scrubber, matches, etc. ...$1.25
D R **Best**, counsel for board (18 mo.) ...$112.50
John **Parsell**, clerk's charges ...$14.50, salary ...$450.00
W C **Patterson**, outfit for F **Depew**, insane ...$15.74
S B **Maxfield**, repairs on jail ...$6.65
Mrs. A T **Swift**, washing towels ...$1.00
S B **Maxfield**, repair courthouse closet ...$10.50
A W **Long**, salary ...$250.00
Orville **Carver**, supplies for Clerk, Co. Sup't., Board of Health ...$10.20
Sam **Miller**, repairs on public building ...$4.25
Burton **Young**, costs - coroner's inquest ...$11.55
Henry **Hauver**, salary ...$434.93 salary ...$356.41
Frank E. **Burt**, courthouse stationery ...$3.05
E A **Carver**, supplies & repairs for jail and courthouse ...$32.20
John **Cobert**, sanitary guard-Jackson Tp ...$12.00
Milo **Sams**, sanitary guard-Jackson Tp ...$13.00
Sanford **Mott**, ditto ...$21.00

MILLGROVE TOWNSHIP

J P **Thompson**, casket, allowed ...$14.00
Frank G. **Salisbury**, trustee, wood for Mrs P W **Dolph** ...$9.37, shoes & schoolbooks for Reuben **Lytle** ...$2.75, potatoes, beans & wheat for John A. **Cox** ...$3.70, wood for George **Priest** ...$6.25, cloth for burial of P W **Dolph** ...$2.50

JAMESTOWN TOWNSHIP

J W **Chrysler**, 10 cords of wood for Mrs **Kemp** ...$11.25
James E **Terry,** groceries and goods for Mrs **Kemp** ...$6.18

FREMONT TOWNSHIP

Henry C **Pew**, services, account for looking after poor of Fremont Twp Aug 1895-Feb 1898 ...$27.00,
wood for calaboose ...$1.56, supper and ticket for Jennie **Davenport** ...$1.86, supplies furnished transient poor ...$1.96, groceries and wood for **No-**

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Commissioners' Allowance *(continued)*

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dine ...$31.95, supplies for C H **Blake** ...$5.98
W L **Scott**, supplies furnished F **Nodine** ...$5.66
Pilliod Mill Co., flour and meal for Frank **Nodine** ...$5.97
S W **Duguid**, supplies for Jennie **French** ...$15.43
McNaughton & Duguid, supplies for Jennie **French** ...$5.99, supplies for James **Nodine** ...$8.24
Theodore **McNaughton**, supplies for James **Nodine** ...$5.05
Weicht & McClue, burial of G **Sission** ...$17.50
David **Groves**, wood furnished H **Morgan** ...$13.75
Henry C **Pew**, to help given to poor ...$2.40, poor children ...$.25
W L **Scott** & Co., to supplies for poor ...$6.40
Henry C **Pew**, help for **Nodine** ...$31.95

CLEARLAKE TOWNSHIP

Walter M **Strayer**, help given George **Smith**'s family ...$8.00, school books for Levi **Smith**'s children ...$.95, school books for Ada **McElhenie** ...$1.30
D M **McTaggert**, doctoring poor of Clear Lake 1897 ...$35.00
Walter M **Strayer**, to help given to John **Raler** ...$5.25, help to James **Pepper** ...$8.00, removal of tramp ...$2.00, help to Esther C **McClain** ...$1.25

YORK TOWNSHIP

J Burton **Dunnavan**, provisions furnished Martha **Hand** ...$5.16

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

T J **Creel**, doctoring poor ...$1.50
G W **Kirk**, rubber shoes for Joe **Mills** ...$1.25
A H **Ewing**, RR tickets for J A **Gifford** ...$15.00
H B **Weicht**, burial of Carl **Sowle**'s child ...$6.00

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

W **Roop**, care and boarding of Ray **Shipe** ...$10.00
B **Hanselman**, wood furnished W **Racy**, Mrs **Packard**, and Mrs **Tinsley** ...$8.12
E L **Dodge**, services for overseeing the poor ...$34.00
Israel **Kemery**, boarding tramps ...$1.25
E L **Dodge**, wood and RR tickets for poor ...$13.81
F M **Bassett**, supplies for Henry **Haskins**, John **Cassel** and RR **Timbers** ...$4.35
T L **Gillis**, supplies for Mrs **Pember**, O **Campbell**, RR **Timbers**, H **Haskins** ...$8.63
A E **Elston**, pair of shoes for Mrs **Pember** ...$1.50
Miller Bros. , by assignment of E E **Mitchell**, supplies for Cora **Sowle**, Mrs **Pember**, Mrs **Black**, RR **Timbers**, John **Cassel**, Wm **Racy** and Isaiah **Shipe** ...$16.42
Christopher **Apple**, care of Chas **Fuller** ...$7.50
Henry **Hauver**, boarding tramps ...$15.75
Orville **Carver**, school books furnished poor children ...$5.97
A E **Elston**, shoes furnished poor children to attend school ...$6.75
W C **Patterson**, supplies furnished poor children for school purposes ...$12.36
J **Stiefel**, supplies for poor children ...$4.60
J **Zipfel**, supplies for school children ...$3.30

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Truman E **Roberts**, oversee poor ...$49.06
Hoyt M **Brown**, 4 cords wood for Wm Hinman ...$4.00
M M **Bowen**, doctoring poor in Jackson tp ...$8.17

SALEM TOWNSHIP

M F **Wright**, RR ticket ...$75
Lawson & Co., supplies furnished F **Fisk** ...$7.15
L **Hovarter**, clothing furnished H **Closson** ...$7.20

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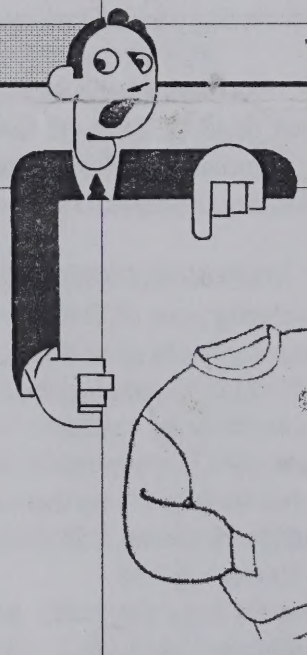

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Letter from the President

Steuben County Genealogical Society

Our programs for the New Year will start with "Back to the Basics". Even experienced genealogists every now and then need to review basic research techniques. So often we fall into a pattern and sometimes overlook the obvious places we should be looking.

January- We will tour our own Angola Carnegie Library to learn all that is available to us.

Along with elections in February here at *SCGS*, we will go over members pedigree charts and family group sheets and do some problem solving. Of course we will also celebrate our "4th Birthday".

March- We hope to have some of our local officials here to explain what is held in their offices that could be of value to us. Pam **Coleman** of Steuben County and Deb **Arnett** will be there.

April- We are privileged to have as our speaker, Ann **Dallas Budd.** She has been a lecturer

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Letter from SCGS President

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and taught classes on genealogy. She was also the director of the PERSI indexing when the Allen County Library began to index.

Your genealogical society depends on your voice — so let it be known what you want. It is only as strong as YOU make it.

Happy Ancestor Hunting in 1999.

Peg **Dilbone,**
President, *SCGS*

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Dear Aunt Tabby

There are a number of sources here in Indiana for general research; namely Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio, Indianapolis, IN 46202-3299; Indiana State Library, Genealogy Div., 140 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2296; Indiana State Archives, 140 N. Senate Ave., Room 117, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2215 and of course, our own Allen County Library, Historical Genealogy Dept., Fort Wayne, IN. Throughout the country more new archival institutions are available and they can be found in the Companion & Sourcebook available in most libraries.

Also, the National Union Catalogs, Washington, D. C. Library of Congress lists thousands of books in hundreds of libraries in the event you cannot find a specific reference.

Again the Catalog (Manuscript Collection) is a series of books describing the contents and locations of various manuscripts collections around the country. They contain family and business pages that have been given to libraries, letters, diaries, Bibles, deeds might include family inf.

Now for Steuben County inf., Mrs. Ruby **PRESTLEY** of Colon, MI is looking for relatives of Jay **LANDERS** who married Olive **(ALDRICH) FALES** about December of 1922. Olive's mother was Nora **(A L D R I C H) (PERKINS) VanVORST**. Ruby's father, Harvey, was adopted by the **VanVORST** family. This mother later married a brother, William **VanVORST**, to the man who adopted Ruby's dad.

Ruby's aunt Olive's mother's husband, John L. **PERKINS**, skipped out about 1894. She would appreciate any inf. on the above persons.

Her address is:
Ruby **PRESTLEY**
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I am still trying to find the exact location of burying ground cemetery later named Lake Ann Cemetery. 1st burial is Erastus **BROWN** in 1844. John **RUSSELL** and a family of "colored" people are also buried there.

P. S. Aunt Tabby's New Year's Resolution - Computer Literate —- PLEASE

Lois **MARSH** and I decided to find Cemetery Lake ... It is off the southern most lane of Lakeside Cemetery, near Fremont. There is a footpath, very marshy, about 400 feet to the lake. Path has seen foot prints, since hunting season. Lois walked about 100 feet closer to the lake, no buildings, only marsh grasses. It is the size between a large pond and a small lake.

My guess would be about 70 years ago, a Mrs. Delphine **WICKMAN BROOKS**, "gave a very interesting story of the beginning of the settlement around Nevada Mills", quoted from old account books, newspapers and letters.

Anyone that has information to add to this story? Send it in.

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Quarterly Queries

Queries related with Steuben County may submitted for the *SCGS Quarterly* publication. These will be included in the query section as space permits. Members and non-members may place a query.

When writing your query, use 100 words or less. Identify the individuals or families as clear as possible. Be sure to include as much as possible by name, date and location. All queries are subject to editing.

Don't forget to include your name and full address (include your e-mail address, if you like).

Queries sent may also be added to the Steuben County INGenWeb Page [http://www.rootsweb.com/~insteube/index.html] for even more viewing, if you'd like. Just let us know if that's what you want done.

Listed are some quick abbreviations that might be of help in writing your query. (Or trying to decipher someone elses.)

*	born
_	for missing first name or surname
~	baptized
+	died
÷	divorce
1C	first cousin (2c, second cousin, etc.)
1R	once removed (2r, twice removed, etc.)
A	Aunt
a	ante, acre
abt	About
CW	Civil War
Adop	Adopted
ae	age, aged
B	Brother
b	born
b/o	brother of
bapt	baptized
bast.	Bastard
bef.	before
bp	baptized, birth place
br	brother
bro	brother
bur	buried
C	Cousin, circa (about)
ca	circa (about)
Capt.	Captain
cem.	cemetery
cert.	certificate, ch. child, children, church
chh.	church
chr	Christened
cit.	Cited work
CW	Civil War
D	Daughter
d	died
d/o	daughter of
dau.	daughter
dec.	deceased
dec'd	deceased
div	divorced
Docs	Document
DR	Death Record
F	Father
f/o	father of
FGS	Family Group Sheets
gen.	generation, genealogy
GR	Grave (stone)
h/o	husband of
husb.	husband
illeg.	Illegitimate
inf.	information
KW	Koren War
LSASE	Large Self Addressed Stamped Envelope
M	Mother
m.	married, month
mo.	mother
MR	marriage record
N.N.	not named (name unknown)
nxn	no Christian name
nd	no date(s)
N.S.	New Style date (Georgian Calendar, used after 1752 in US)
O.S.	Old Style date (Julian calendar, used until 1752 in US)
rec.	record, recorded
ref.	refer
RSVP	Respond please
S	Son
s.o.	son of

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Queries
A place for you to ask, inquire, investigate, examine, question, or confirm your genealogy.

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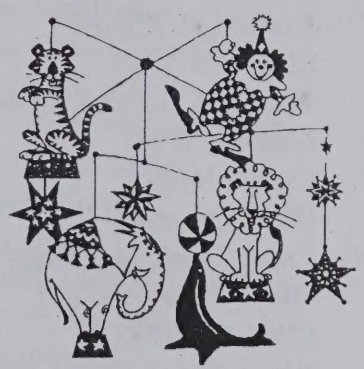

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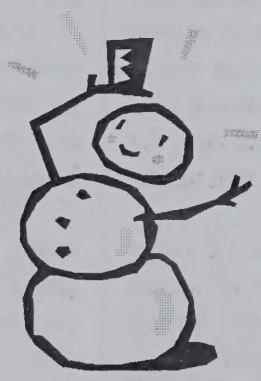

Congratulations to

Lydia DURBIN,
Flint Arrows,
who turned an interest in genealogy into a
Grand Championship at this years 4 - H Fair !

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Surname Cards - Instructions

SCGS has many surname/ ancestor cards on file at the library in the genealogy department. These cards are great resources to guide someone in another direction, or to verify information already obtained.

The *SCGS* asks new members and and continued members to fill out these cards and update when possible. If you have been asked to fill out ancestor cards and have either not understood how to do it or you have just put it off, take a moment to read the following to assist you in getting this done.

ANCESTOR CARDS... A Great way to make a contribution to the SCGS! Submit yours today!!!

Help *SCGS* continue it's ever growing collection of ancestor cards. This will benefit other researchers and help to add one more source for finding information on that person.

Complete an ancestor card for each ancestor about whom you have at least the name, one date, and one place of residence that can identify them.

1. Only one generation to a card; husband and wife should be on the same card, if the information is known.
2. No card should be submitted unless it contains at least one name, one place and one date.
3. Type the entire card, capitalizing the SURNAME first, followed by the first name and followed by the middle name or initial, if middle name is not known.
4. The date should begin with the numbered day, month in three letter abbreviation and the entire year, e.g.: 12 May 1847.
5. The birth, marriage, and death dates should be followed by the location of occurrence with the town, township, county, and state, if known.
6. Make a cross index card for the wife, using her MAIDEN name.
7. NAME and ADDRESS of person submitting the card MUST be included in the lower right corner of ALL cards. (If using the cards supplied by the society, this will be above: "Add'l Info on back").
DO NOT use return address or mailing labels, PLEASE!
8. No limit of the number of cards which may be submitted. No restrictions as to the place of residence. It is not limited to STEUBEN COUNTY or to INDIANA. Any ancestral line you may have may be submitted.
9. The "Add'l Info on back" may contain family tradition information so noted, information "suspected" or "not provable" so noted, additional marriages, etc., however, should not be rambling.
10. If, at any time, you wish to update your cards, SUBMIT REPLACEMENT CARDS with a note to *SCGS* informing us that these are to be "REPLACEMENT CARDS", , so your old cards can be removed.

Deliver in person or mail to
SCGS
PO Box 884, Angola, IN 46703

Sample Ancestor Card

SMITH, John
s/o d/o James Henry and Mary Jane (COLFAX) SMITH
b 18 Mar 1832 Williams Co., OH
m 26 Dec 1850 Williams Co., OH
d 6 Feb 1921 Angola, Steuben Co., IN
bur 8 Feb 1921 Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Steuben Co., IN
JONES, Laura G.
d/o s/o Tobias Luther and Catherine (GILBERT) JONES b 28 Jul 1834 Clinton Co., OH
d 8 May 1925 Angola, Steuben Co., IN
bur 11 May 1925 Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Steuben County, IN

Submitter name
Submitter street address
Submitter town, state and zip

When the wife's information is on the husband's card, only a cross index card is needed.
E.g.: JONES, Laura G. see SMITH, John

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History Angola Lodge No. 180

Speech given at the 42nd Anniversary of Angola Lodge No. 180.

Noble Grand, Brothers, Sisters and Friends:

Well can I remember the long winter evenings of December, 1856, when I was still in my teens and clerking in the dry goods store of Robert PATTERSON, on the corner just east of this hotel building, when the old, familiar faces of George A. MILNES, Jesse J. MUGG, Robert McKINSTRY and Josiah WEAVER could there be seen, talking about starting an Odd Fellows' lodge in this town. I often listened to them while they were discussing the question as to whether they could get a sufficient number of our citizens to join them in the enterprise, as at that time there seemed to be, and were quite serious objections to secret societies in this town. In fact such was the case nearly everywhere, but at last matters came to a focus and a decision was reached, for on the 12th of January, 1857, forty-two years ago this very night, a number of the leading lights of Odd Fellowship of Northern Indiana assembled in Angola. They called together five brothers who had sent their cards to the grand master of Indiana and had obtained a charter for the organization of a lodge at this place. The charter members were as follows: Robert McKINSTRY, boot and shoemaker of Angola, Jesse MUGG, father of our townsman, John MUGG, Simeon C. ALDRICH, postmaster of Pleasant Lake and afterwards Colonel of the 44th Indiana volunteers during the Civil War; Josiah WEAVER, at time proprietor of the Angola flouring mill and George BOLLES, of Pleasant Lake. These, in connection with the deputized grand officers, organized Angola lodge in the Peter SNYDER, or Ben BROWN building, on the north side of the public square on the spot where Bro. Issac WILLIAMSON now has his three story brick hardware building. A good many of you remember the old building, and just before it was leveled to the ground many of the Odd Fellows of Angola lodge ascended the rickety old stairway to take a last farewell look at that part of the second story which for many years had served as our lodge room.

On the night of instituting the lodge, two other well known Odd Fellows applied for admission by card, as their papers did not arrive in time to be included in the list of charter members. They were George MILNES and Augustus LINES. They were quickly admitted as members, after which the following petitions for membership were received, the applicants elected and duly initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship. They were Peter BOWMAN, Jesse SQUIRE, Levi A. THOMPSON and Henry LINDER.

That eventful evening, more than two score years ago, closed its first meeting with eleven members, and out of that number, only one is with us tonight, our distinguished brother, Past Grand Henry LINDER. There were no disap-

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pointed office seekers that night, as all were installed into office – in fact four chairs had to remain vacant. Brother LINDER commenced his official career that evening as Left Supporter of the Vice Grand, and to his credit be it said, that since that time he has served in every other official capacity within this lodge. He has been a most faithful worker as well a a regular attendant all through the history of the lodge, and has been identified with all its interests. What must be his thought tonight as his mind wanders back nearly half a century, when he with others stood at the outer door of that old lodge room, waiting his turn to be admitted, not knowing what he might see or learn. We venture the assertion that he was well satisfied, and that he never regretted the step that night taken. He was then quite young, and now with the rest of us is growing old and many solemn changes have passed before him. I find from the records the following as the first officers of Angola lodge: Robert McKINSTRY, N. G.; J. J. MUGG, V. G.; George BOLLES, Sec.; Josiah WEAVER, Treas.;George A. MILNES, W.; A. LINES, C.; S. C. ALDRICH, I. And O. G.; Peter BOWMAN, R. S. N. G.; Jesse SQUIRE, R. S. V. G.; H. LINDER, L. S. V. G.; Brothers MILNES, MUGG and WEAVER were elected trustees.

He was then quite young, and now with the rest of us is growing old and many solemn changes have passed before him.

The lodge resolved to meet on Saturday evenings, which I find was changed, soon after, to Wednesday evening, but as this gave no better satisfaction, it was soon changed, back to Saturday night and has remained so ever since.

Angola lodge performed the work of pioneering in this north east part of Indiana, and introduced the order here among a people whose knowledge of the principals of Odd Fellowship was indeed very limited, and where prejudices against secret societies were quite strong. But by the workings of this lodge no one saw anything strange come to pass, but on the contrary, they came to know its merits, and beneath the gentle influence of its teachings and kindly deeds unreasonable prejudice melted away.

Forty-two years of the existence of the Angola lodge has worked a wonderful change. That little band of brothers which met under disfavor to dispense its charities and perform its good deeds, worked its way into the feelings of the general public, and prejudice, which often always human sentiments, has changed to favor of the mystic brotherhood. The best people in the community are our friends. During these many years of existence, our lodge has passed through several vicissitudes of fortune. In the early part of its history the rebellion broke out, and some of its members enlisted in the service of their country, some moved to other locations, and others for some unaccountable reason lost their interest, their love and esteem for the order, and members seemed to drop out until the active membership was so reduced that for nearly two years it was almost impossible to get a quorum together for the transaction of business. The reading of the minutes were short indeed – the books so show it.

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But I am happy to say there were a few who remained true, and they showed such love and energy that the threatened calamity of losing the charter was averted. Its progress, therefore, if it could be called so, was indeed very slow, until all at once , in 1864, the lost ones returned and a marked activity could be seen. Additions to the membership took place, and it was at this time that the lodge concluded to change its old quarters for a permanent home of its own. Happy thought. For nearly eight years Angola lodge had met weekly in that small, poorly furnished room in the old Peter SNYDER building, having little of taste or home comfort about it, little anywhere within its four wooden walls and its low ceiling to attract and draw members thither. But when later accessions to the order, selected Angola's best citizens, together with its patriarchs and founders demanded a change, when they all together conceived the idea of fitting up and furnishing a new lodge hall, a plan of their own, how their hearts must have swelled with emotions of joy and pride, and how beautifully their faces reflected those pleasing emotions. A building committee consisting of Brothers H. LINDER, W. C. WEICHT, and F. MACCARTNEY was appointed. They in due time reported the purchase of the second story of the Patterson brick building, which at that time still unoccupied and furnished. They let the contract for the mason and carpenter work and superintended the painting. Brother WEICHT individually donated days, yes weeks of personal labor in beautifying the hall. The committee furnished it with carpets and other furniture, and having labored faithfully through a labarynth of difficulties, which interposed and beset them on every side on account of the financial condition of the lodge, they finally reported that the work was don and that the hall, their hall, our hall, was ready for occupation. Do you doubt that there was joy and happiness in the lodge room that night when the announcement was made that on the next Saturday night they should meet in their new hall? For they years of patient toil and labor within a room devoid of home comforts they were soon to be rewarded by sitting in their own lodge home, which in itself was a gem of neatness, comfort and good taste. On August 4, 1865, the lodge room was taken possession of, but its dedicatory ceremonies were postponed for some time and did not take place until June, 1866, when Bro. E. H. BARRY, then the Grand Secretary of Indiana, assisted by other visiting brothers, performed the dedication ceremonies, the festivities were indulged in, followed by a grand supper in the old Eureka hotel building. Our hall was dedicated and our hearts happy, yet a large amount of work was still before us. It took some money to buy the room, and it took more to furnish it with new furniture an paraphernalia. A debt therefore existed and quite a mortgage was lying heavy upon us, and during the years of 1866-67-68, our existence was again imperiled, our funds were low and all kinds of fears entered our minds, but we did not lose sight

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of the great enterprise and our wished for situation. Heaton Encampment was meeting with us in our lodge room, and was principally composed of members of this lodge. There were but few of them, but they had funds in their treasury and came to our relief by purchasing a life lease of our hall during their existence. Many thanks are due these brothers and patriarchs, who during these dark hours, labored week after week to bring about a desired result. By the assistance of a few other brothers who loaned us small amounts of money at low interest, the mortgage and debt was finally paid off and we were happy once more. With no financial embarrassments to check us, our pathway since has been smooth and our membership began at once to steadily increase, and I am happy o say, there are but few lodges in existence that are in a better condition, all things considered, than the Angola lodge of Odd Fellows. All trades and professions have been and are represented in its membership, farmers, mechanics, lawyers, physicians, ministers, teachers, and laborers, Jew and Gentile, all have met and still meet on a common platform. Peace and harmony reign supreme. If there is one thing that Angola lodge can boast of, it is the record among themselves. While we do not deny that diversity of opinion sometimes exist, we do claim that the wounds, if any there are, are never deep, and always quickly healed over and forgotten. Not a single appeal or grievance has ever been brought before the grand lodge, and it is our wish that the committee on grievances and appeals shall ever be an unnecessary appendage as far as this lodge is concerned.

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In writing this history we must not forget to state that we have a Rebekah lodge in our town, organized first in 1867, and recognized in 1879; their membership is exactly the same as that of our subordinate lodge and they are in a flourishing condition. They meet within our lodge room, transact their business and do various commendable acts of charity among the poor and afflicted in our midst. They are our helpers and best friends.

In the spring of 1888 a Canton of Patriarchs Militant was organized within our lodge, which numbered as high as forty-four members and flourished for quite a time. The increasing age of its members, however, seems to have seriously interfered with its existence, and at present they are slumbering, with a hope that they may at some future day wake up and again take they place they are so justly entitled to.

Angola lodge, aside from being the oldest organization in the county, also lays claim to the title of mother lodge of Steuben county, for the reason that it furnished quite a number of its members to start the order round about us, or assisted in their organization. Steuben lodge No. 231, at Fremont; Mt. Pleasant lodge No. 239, at Metz; Butler lodge No. 282, at Butler, Orland lodge No. 541, at Orland; Salem Center lodge No. 639, Salem Center; Hamilton lodge No. 648, Hamilton; and Hudson lodge No. 692, at Hudson

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are either its offspring or have some members from our ranks. I am happy to say as I look around me, that every one of these lodges are represented here tonight and have honored us with their presence. In speaking of our children, we must not forget those of our brethren who are scattered far and wide, in the north and the south, in the east and the west, several of whom have filled honorable and exalted positions in the order, and wherever you may find them you will meet a brother whose pulse will beat quicker and stronger at the mention of our name and the many recollections of the time spent among their brethren within our lodge room.

Angola lodge is also the owner of a beautiful cemetery containing twenty-one acres of land. After being for a good many years rather a heavy burden upon us financially, it has come out all right; the whole debt has been paid, and we ought to feel proud of the step taken in 1873 when we purchased the land. It will be a monument for this lodge when every member now living will be gone from here forever.

As regards the statistics of the lodge, I would say that since its organization in 1857, we have had 228 initiations, 41 have joined by card, 15 were admitted as ancient Odd Fellows, and 26 were reinstated after having been dropped, making a total of 810 names on our rolls. Of these 117 were dropped for non-payment of dues, 48 withdrawn by card to join other lodges, 81 have died and 8 were expelled for cause, leaving 111 members now in good standing. Its financial history is encouraging, for we find that during the forty-two years this lodge has received for initiations, for admission on cards, foe degree fees, dues, rents and interest, the enormous sum of $29,401.93. We have paid out for the purchase of our hall, for completing and furnishing it, for regalia and all necessary expenses of one kind and another and taxes, $8,171.52. For weekly sick benefits paid to our own members, $4,765.00. For burial expenses, $1,270. For charitable purposes at home and abroad, $2,247.34, and for grand lodge dues $1803.18. The figures set forth in this report for money paid out to our sick brothers, for burial expenses and other charities are but a tithe of the blessings scattered in the pathway. Angola lodge has an unwritten history known only to those who have been the recipients of its care, in its ministrations at the bedside of its sick or at the burial of its deceased brethren, and in relieving the wants of brothers who have come and gone. Nor has the good work been confined to Angola and vicinity, for appeals in cases of fire, or for help from the southern states right after the close of the war, and during the yellow fever periods, appeals were never made in vain, but have always been promptly responded to.

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While contemplating this pleasing aspect comes the remembrance that the angel of death has been busy within our ranks, and thirty-one of our brothers have been called upon to go down into the cold, dark waters that ever flow along the boundaries of human life. They were with us in

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body, but tonight they are with us in spirit. Once they answered to their names at roll call, but tonight as their names are called, no answer will we hear. We have lost, but the Celestial lodge on high has gained our brothers: William PATTERSON, Jesse SQUIER, Jesse J. MUGG, O. P. BOYDEN, W. A. WOOD, Thos. B. MORSE, Julius Van AUKEN, Chas. F. KINNEY, Robert LEGG, Germ BROWN, Eugene Van AUKEN, Ed SCHNEIDER, George DELANCEY, Austin H. BROKAW, A. S. SHERWOOD, R. W. GORDON, H. F. AUSTIN, S. B. GEORGE, L. R. WILLIAMS, William C. WEICHT, William MACARTNEY, F. P. STEVENS, W. W. SQUIER, John PATTERSON, Seneca DUTTER, H. F. LEAVITT, Omar I. CLARK, L. E. WEICHT, W. W. SNYDER, Allen JARVIS and John LININGER. They have been followed to their last resting places, leaving behind them a rich legacy of noble deeds, as fresh in memory as the evergreens we deposited in their graves. May the recollections of their virtues incite within us a spirit of emulation in the performance of the duties enjoined by our laws. There are also a few others that are not enumerated on our roll of departed, as for reasons only known at the time to themselves, they had to be withdrawn or allowed themselves to be dropped from the active membership. They all rest in peace.

And now, my brothers, in conclusion let me say to you members of Angola lodge, you have a history, a grand record of which you may well feel proud. We can rejoice in the good we have accomplished, which should encourage the members in future efforts.

History given by Lawrence GATES at the 42nd anniversary held in the Hendry Hall, Angola, January 25, 1899.

This was copied as written. Errors included.

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College Notes - 2 Nov 1898

Miss **Easy** went home Monday morning.

Mr. **Fox** now occupies his new residence.

Wm. **Hettinger** has gone to his home in Wauseon to teach.

Miss Cora **Walker** is manager of the Hanselman boarding club.

Mary **Burry** was called home by the serious of her sister, at Berne, Indiana.

W. H. **Smith** is now president of the Crescent and Judson **Ladd** of the Philo societies.

Angie **Wright** and Miss Minnie **Rose**, of Hicksville, visited on College Hill over Sunday.

Mr. **Lower**, of Hicksville, a new student, went home Tuesday. Ill health was the cause of his leaving.

Mrs. **Almond** has been in Clyde, Ohio, for a few weeks. She went to attend Scott **Crockett**'s wedding.

Frank **Miller**, a graduate of the college, who has for several years been teaching in Montana, is now running for representative.

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Underground Railroads

In October of 1998, the Fox Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. sponsored a public awareness program. The topic of the evening was to form a group of interested people who would accumulate information that will help in identifying and help preserve UGRR sites.

With cooperation from volunteers interested in preserving the historic value of the underground railroads, concentration will be given to routes, trails, homes, properties, artifacts, people, activities, and community connections that relate to the Underground Railroad that was in the Fox Lake region.

The UGRR committee plans to receive non-profit status. They will request grants that will aid in funding markers and research for the project. This will enable them to insure the information is recorded and receives substantial place in Steuben County history as well as in the underground railroad history.

The Steuben County UGRR Ad Hoc Committee was formed. Included are:

Carl C. **WILSON**,
Chairperson;
David B. **BOWMAN**,
Co-Chairperson
Paul **BURTON**
Marc **STEPP**
Joseph **CASEY**
Lee **SAUER**
Art **EBERHART**
John **LUDY**.

On October 18, 1998, the Fox Lake Property Owners Association, in cooperation with Congressman Mark **SOUDER**, 4th District, held an UGRR Public Awareness and Educational Story at Fox Lake, Angola, Indiana. (UGRR is the shortened version of Underground Railroad.)

The guest speaker for the October 18th meeting was Diane **MILLER**, Architectural Historian, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The goals of UGRR will be further extended to include the multiracial and cultural efforts of blacks, whites and Native American people who drew together during a critical time in our history to provide freedom to all.

This research will be concentrating on those who unselfishly and at much risk, worked to secure safety for those that would otherwise stay enslaved. There is an abundance of history surrounding the people here that contributed to the underground railroad. The UGRR plans to record in a more accurate manner information regarding slaves, free persons, runaways, and conductors from beginning to end of the underground railroad movement.

Carl **WILSON** said, "The story of the UGRR allows us to honor the courageous persons who came before it, and should inspire us to address the injustices in our present troubled times."

Individuals and organizations that are interested in assisting in the various projects relating to the Underground Railroad are urged to contact the men listed below.

If you would like to contribute further informa-

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tion or would like to partake with the activities of UGRR, please contact:

Carl **WILSON**
2719 Broken Arrow Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
219-484-2339

Rev. David **BOWMAN**
314 W. Maumee St.
Angola, IN 46737

Olde sayings

If you lie down with dogs you'll rise with fleas.
(Keeping bad company).

Tight as a tick .
(Refers to someone drunk or someone tight with their money).

A sight for sore eyes.
(Glad to see someone).

Slept like a pig in the sunshine.
(Delightful, enjoyable sleep).

It's no use carrying an umbrella if your shoes are leaking.
(Going from a solid foundation is going to improve the possibliity of success).

Quarterly Queries

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s/o	son of, sister of
SASE	Self Addressed, Stamped Envelope
Si	Sister
sib.	sibling
src	source
U	Uncle
unk	unknown
unkn	unknown
unm	unmarried
VR	vital record
VW	Vietnam War
W	Wife
w/o	wife of, never
	widow of
wid	widow
WW1	World War One
WW2	World War Two
x	married
xx	2nd marriage
xxx	3rd marriage
y	young, years
yr	year

Hindsight - commentary *by Lee P. Sauer*

Oct. 27, 1998

Dear great, great grandson,

Hi. My name is Lee Sauer. I live in Angola, in northeast Indiana. I was born in 1958 and, with a little luck, should make it to the next millennium.

So, how are you doing?

What? Why am I writing even though it's decades before your birth?

Well, I don't know my great-great grandparents. At all. Don't know their names. never seen their photos. By simple math, I figure I had 16 of them. And, if my counting is correct, they must have been somewhere about my age 100 years ago.

Which makes me wonder what they were like.

So I thought I'd write this letter as a means of introduction. I'm mailing it in a newsletter bottle. Hopefully, the message floats through time to you.

If I close my eyes, I can imagine you reading this in 2098. Wow. Now that I've got your attention, what do I say?

Hmmm. I guess I could tell you the type of things I'd like to know about my ancestors. Their everyday routine. What they ate for breakfast. How they handled a misbehaving child. How they met their mate. What they thought about. What they dreamt.

But I want you to think I'm more exciting than that.

I know! I could bury something and tell only you where to find it. Wouldn't that be cool?

I want you to think I'm cool.

I want you to think I'm smart and fashionable and athletic and handsome.

All the things I wish my ancestors were.

But, you know what? That wouldn't be the real me. If you could learn what I'm really like, any time-polished light you view me in might begin to dim.

How do I know?

That's what happens when I learn about people who lived 100 years before. Their stiff images begin to crack. Their hypocrisies show through. Their great deeds no longer appear as tall mountains, but as one step more on a stairway built by others.

They appear as I see myself: people who struggle to juggle what life throws them.

What I'm trying to say is that I'd like you to know me - the real person - good or bad. Not the me that's going to survive in a handful of photographs.

Two-dimensional images - though accurate - are far from complete. They don't show humor or strength, temper or weakness. Most importantly, they don't show what's inside a person - the things you only come to know by spending time with them.

Spending time. That's what I'd like to do with my ancestors. That's what I'd like to do with you.

Sorry. The phone just rang. Time to stop dreaming of things 100 years removed and get on with the here and now.

Well, it was nice to meet you. To share a little one-sided time with you.

I hope I didn't disappoint you. learning that people out of the past are, well, just people, can be disconcerting. But it shouldn't be It should be life-affirming.

How's that, you ask?

Why, to find out that people of great accomplishments and failure, of trying times and good, were just like you and me.

Take care. Look me up sometime in some old photograph.

Your loving great-great grandfather,
LeeP.

P.S. Think of me now and again. I'll do the same.

Lee **Sauer** is editor of *Steuben Times*. Steuben *Times* is a quarterly historical newsletter that has the purpose of uncovering and preserving the history of Steuben County, Indiana.

Mr. **Sauer** also welcomes story ideas and comments about the newsletter. These can be mailed to the above address also or at his email address: leep@dmci.net.

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There is a wealth of information to be accessed and even more waiting to be put online. Personal genealogy sites are endlessly placing things on for people to view. Incredibly, government offices, libraries, genealogical and historical societies are also releasing information that is helpful in research. With the serious hobby [?] overtaking the world, and so much information to gather, I think sometimes we forget to also accumulate some of the other important information on our ancestors. Their hometown information. By gathering this information the people we are researching take on more personal attributes. The following place that was visited was able to put together a brief, yet informative, summary of Fremont, IN. With this small amount of information, I learned a great deal.

The following information was viewed from: h t t p : / / www.statelib.lib.in.us on the Internet.

TITLE:
Fremont Indiana

COUNTY:
Steuben

DIRECTIONS:
SR 120, Fremont, IN

INSCRIPTION:

Settled in 1834 as Willow Prairie; Village of Brockville ~ Platted in 1837.

Post Office and town changed to Fremont in 1848 in honor of John C. **Fremont** "the Great Pathfinder".

Located on the Vistula Trail, the meeting place for people from the Detroit, Toledo, and Pittsburg areas in their westward movement.

First frame building erected in 1837 near the center of the village.

In 1838 the Potawatomi Tribe was removed from the area.

First Church ~ Methodist Episcopal was organized in 1841.

First frame school was built in 1845.

In 1877 a brick school was erected to replace one built in 1856 which was destroyed by fire.

New school was erected on Spring Street between Tolford and Coffin Streets.

Electric lights were installed in 1895.

Dr. **Wade** opened Steuben County's first hospital in 1914.

First paved streets were laid in 1922.

Town erected a 60,000 gallon tank and supplied water to the community in 1937.

Sewer lines and disposal plant went into service in 1957.

At one time Fremont boasted 2 Hotels, and was served by 6 passenger and 4 freight trains daily.

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